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THE WHISKEY LOCKER Booze flowed freely during social time prior to the American Legion's Jan. 3 meeting, just as it did at the Feb. 7 meeting. KLH | UNION

Arcata Vets Hall's violations pile up

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – After another week of revelations, the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building's startling lack of permit and license compliance is now known to involve four levels of government – local, county, state and federal.

In addition to a failed health state inspection and the absence of Humboldt County and State of California health permits, the troubled hall was last week discovered to lack a City of Arcata business license, a Conditional Use Permit for its previously planned restaurant and a Federal Tax ID number required for the Legion Post's nonprofit status.

A separate entity called "Arcata Veterans Group" – which includes members of Legion leadership as its officers and which advertises itself as a nonprofit and solicits donations – but apparently lacks official nonprofit status.

Now, the latest in a litany of lapses at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building goes to the core of its current operations and culture – its downstairs bar or canteen.

The Whiskey Locker

Though alcohol service has continued in the Vets Hall's USO-style downstairs canteen, it has done so without a required Humboldt County Environmental Health permit.

According to DEH spokesperson Christine Messenger, the bar hasn't been inspected for safety either. Lovingly restored after years of neglect by the venerable hall's dynamic young leaders, the bar has expanded into

VETS HALL ❖ A2



THE NEW ARCATA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER Approved by the Planco last week.

CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

Open Door Health Center approved

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ARCATA – Open Door Community Health Centers (ODCHC) last week gained Planning Commission approval to construct a new consolidated health center (the "Arcata Community Health Center") west of the intersection of Foster and Sunset avenues in Arcata. The 1.8 acre property is currently vacant.

According to a staff report, the Arcata Community Health Center will replace and consolidate two aging medical health center sites in Arcata: the Humboldt Open Door Clinic (HODC) at 770 10th S. and the North Country Clinic (NCC), at 785 18th

St. HODC was ODCHC's first health center; neither building was originally designed to function as a medical health center.

The new facility will allow Open Door to provide services in a modern and efficient building, designed specifically for providing medical health services, and will also create the opportunity for re-use of two centrally-located lots in the heart of Arcata.

The project includes the development and operation of a new 34,000 square foot, two-story, health center with associated parking, lighting, signs, sidewalks and utility infrastruc-

ture. Bus stop improvements will be made at the Arcata Skate Park.

Improvements to an off-site wetland area at Shay Park mitigates impacts to on-site wetlands. A Development Agreement stipulates the project's proportional share of traffic improvement fees to fund future improvements at Foster Avenue/Alliance Rd. and Sunset Ave/U.S. Highway 101 North/L.K Wood Boulevard intersections.

"Congratulations to the applicants," said Chair Dan Tangney. "We look forward to the groundbreaking."

Final approval by the City Council could occur as soon as March 4.

Measure Z public safety money hits the roads

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County is struggling to fund new Measure Z public safety tax services and one that's in demand – road improvements – has gotten a \$205,000 boost.

The county's Board of Supervisors reviewed a mid-year budget report at its February 11 meeting and allocated the Measure Z money, which opened up due to overall revenues exceeding overall spending.

Road upgrades continue to be considered as a worthy Measure Z funding item. Assistant Deputy County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes said supervisors had approved \$439,000 in Measure Z funding for roads since the fiscal year budget was

adopted last summer.

But discretionary Measure Z spending is getting more difficult because inflation continues to increase the cost of maintaining a variety of previously-funded law enforcement positions.

There's been discussion of setting a cap on the salary expenses related Measure Z-funded law enforcement staffing. "If we don't create a system, eventually the increased salaries every year for the sheriff, DA and probation (departments) will use up the entire amount and there won't be anything in the competitive chunk there," said Supervisor Steve Madrone.

He reminded that county staff has been directed to "come up with some suggestions on how to handle that,"

which the Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee is awaiting as it begins review of a new round of funding applications.

The importance of funding new Measure Z requests was demonstrated as the discussion continued.

Madrone supported spending Measure Z money for roads and asked that a funding request from the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department be fully-allocated.

But Supervisor Virginia Bass has supported Measure Z funding for addiction treatment services. At Bass's request, Department of Health of Human Services Director Connie Beck updated the status of Medi-Cal funding for treatment.

HIT Z ROADS ❖ A4

Council sticks with science, keeps fluoridation

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – What's old was new again at last Wednesday's City Council meeting as community water fluoridation was up for reconsideration. Approved in 1956 by that era's council over the objections of a few, fluoridation didn't truly begin in Arcata until the early 1960s, when necessary equipment was installed.

Hailed by the medical community as one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century – along with vaccination, recognition of tobacco's health consequences and family planning, among others – the substance nonetheless continues to inspire fear and loathing in fringe groups.

The council's agenda item was raised by Councilmember Paul Pitino, who said it would take a "couple of days" to fully explain his thinking on the matter. He pointed those interested to the Internet, where fluoride denialists with varying levels of expertise hold the substance

responsible for a range of frightening maladies – many of which were enumerated by Pitino and others.

However, the first page of its official 2019-2020 goals stipulates that the City Council will "use best available science for future planning," and in its usual shambolic manner, that's what it ended up doing by retaining community water fluoridation.

Pitino, a landscaper, pointed to fluoride's "neurotoxicity" and cited a controversial study indicating that fluoridated water reduces children's intelligence. "They're studies and they're as valid as any other study," Pitino said. He cautioned against rejecting scientific evidence that clashes with one's assumptions and said that "most experts agree" that topical application of fluoride, rather than ingestion, is the best treatment method.

He called fluoridation "dubious" and



Councilmember Paul Pitino

in conflict with the Precautionary Principle, which holds that "First, do no harm."

He said Sweden had discontinued fluoridation in 1970 (actually 1971) with no negative health consequences, although Sweden already enjoys naturally occurring fluoride at higher-than-average levels.

A 2017 Swedish government study concluded that "fluoride exposure through the drinking water either in the form of natural levels or artificial fluoridation is a good means of improving dental health without risking negative side effects on cognitive development."

Pitino said that anti-fluoride Measure W – which was rejected by Arcata voters by a roughly 2-1 ratio – took place before an immense amount of new and damning information about fluoride became available, and suggested that fluoride supporters are

FLUORIDE ❖ A5

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ARCATA CITY COUNCIL The Arcata City Council meets tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include adoption of an ordinance annexing the Creek Side Homes subdivision into the City of Arcata; receipt of polling results for a ballot measure to support recreation; receipt of the Plaza Improvement Task Force’s final report; initiation of a ballot measure to support affordable housing; and more.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS Arcata’s Historic Landmarks Committee meets Thursday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall. Agenda items include a review of the historic context statement; coordination with the Historical Sites Society of Arcata; the annual Chair/Vice Chair Study Session; and more.

MCK REC COMMITTEE The McKinleyville Recreation Advisory Committee will have a wide-ranging discussion Thursday, Feb. 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. about a proposed BMX track, the Community Garden at Pierson Park, the Botanical Garden at Hiller Park and parking at Hiller Park. The committee meets at the McKinleyville Community Services District Conference Room, 1656 Sutter Rd. in McKinleyville.

HARBOR GROUP The Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group’s monthly luncheon takes place Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Samoa Cookhouse, 908 Vance Ave. in Samoa. A no host lunch is served at noon, with a presentation at 12:30 p.m. This month’s guest speaker will be Larry Oetker, executive director of the Humboldt Bay, Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District.

MACK TOWN CENTER The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McMAC) will continue discussing the McKinleyville Town Center at a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The McMAC will discuss land use and design.



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17. Spin
18. Resist authority
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22. Through the nose
24. Pull
25. Peaceful poem
26. Street sound
29. Early times, for short
30. Kirstie of "Cheers"
34. Uno y dos
35. Poisonous creature
36. Shoe part
37. Swiss waterway
38. Attack
40. Motorist's need
41. Sport or vegetable
43. Sign indicating a successful show
44. Spouse
45. India's official language
46. Mil. branch
47. Evergreens
48. River in France
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51. Skimpy outfits
54. Backtrack
58. Higher than
59. Himalayan nation
61. Run __; become violent
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64. World's longest river
65. Son of Seth
66. Unflinching
67. Social events

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8. Improves
9. Spread out
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11. Actual
12. Brunch
13. Lively
21. Hither and __
23. Lean
25. Deadlock
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27. Turk's neighbor
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29. Pack animal
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32. Thrill
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38. Of the East
39. Decorative container
42. Thinks highly of
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46. Oust
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49. Jewelry store purchases
50. Keepsake
51. Presage
52. __ the Terrible
53. Casino game
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Vets Hall | Uninspected bar lacks county health permit

❖ **FROM A1**
Boy Scout Troop 9's former lair. The decades of encrusted scouting memorabilia were removed in favor of a modern venue hosting meetings, concerts and general canteen operations.

The canteen was rechristened "The Whiskey Locker" on its initial restoration from use as a storage room in 2018, but that name didn't catch on.

The canteen's bar offers a variety of refreshments, from beer and wine to military-strength liquor. With its games and pub decor, the basement bar has become extremely popular among vets – but, as American Legion Post 274 Commander Jeff Sterling has frequently cautioned – it may serve only Legionnaires.

The canteen had come under fire from neighbors, who objected to noise and other possible impacts. The Legion's liquor license was the subject of a complaint-driven Jan. 30 hearing in Eureka held by the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agency. A judge is to render a decision on the canteen license's within 30 days of the hearing.

Meanwhile, the license is listed as "pending" by ABC, with a "hold" placed on it.

Requests for clarification to the state alcohol regulation agency this week and last as to whether its "pending" status allows alcohol service didn't elicit any solid definition of the term by press time Monday morning.

The adjacent dining room's kitchen was recently discovered to lack both county and state health permits, making food service to the public and kitchen rentals illegal. That all but ended the facility's competitiveness with venues such as the Bayside Grange, and squashed hopes for a proposed program to serve food to Arcata High School students.

The crimp in the kitchen revenue stream was deemed survivable, according to an optimistic financial report offered by assistant treasurer Philip Nicklas at Post 274's Feb. 7 meeting.

That meeting, like the two before



❖ AMERICAN LEGION POST 274 REPORT

it, saw attendees enjoying adult refreshments, but this time upstairs in the hall's Great Room. The previous two meetings had been held in the former Boy Scout wing of the canteen with easy access to bracing beverages.

Were any violations deemed serious enough to halt the hall's alcohol service, that could cut off the bar income that had become even more important to hall operations following the kitchen setback. It would also eliminate a key component of the hall's current culture.

Arcata Veterans Group

In searching for reasons why the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building has been operating without necessary permits and other regulatory necessities, a partial explanation may be found in a separate initiative being pursued by American Legion Post 274 Commander Jeff Sterling and some of his associates.

The lack of a Legion EIN may be because Sterling et al are attempting to form their own nonprofit organization, one called Arcata Veterans Group. Its somewhat dated but functional website, shared with Post 274 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Mad River Post 2542, includes a sub-heading of "Lost Coast Veterans Association."

The "Donate or Volunteer" page on the website advertises Arcata Veterans Group as "a non-profit veterans organization 501 (c) 19 consisting of local veterans and their families."

The IRS says a 501 (c) 19 "provides for the tax-exempt status of qualifying veterans' organizations and their related auxiliaries that are organized in the

United States or any of its possessions."

States the Arcata Veterans Group website, "To continue in our efforts to maintain community values and sponsoring other community non-profits, we seek help from local businesses."

It further states, "Our non-profit organization relies on donations and volunteering from citizen heroes to maintain the building, put on events and provide community outreach."

Underneath the donation pitch are active buttons one may click to join the group and to make donations via PayPal. Between the buttons are displayed the official seals of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force.

However, the IRS's nonprofit lookup website includes no listing for anything called "Arcata Veterans Group" or "Lost Coast Veterans Association."

Members of the Arcata Veterans Group's even-numbered board are listed as Commander Sterling, Executive Officer Lawrence Irvine, Auxiliary President Sophia Bogner and Auxiliary V.P. Alison Robbins.

Sterling speaks of the Arcata Veterans Group in the future tense. At the conclusion of last week's tumultuous monthly meeting of Legion Post 274, he offered appreciation to fellow boardmembers.

"I want to personally thank

Sophia from her start at the get-go of helping with Alison in the founding the Arcata Veterans Group that we're trying to establish," Sterling said.

The website also pitches the availability of the hall's unpermitted "commercial kitchen," with rental rates.

The Vets Hall and Legion currently have no active finance officer, and it appears Sterling is managing the hall's books. It's unknown if the Arcata Veterans Group has accepted any donations.

Sterling no longer responds to inquiries from the *Mad River Union*.

Note: the writer is a member of American Legion Post 274. – Ed.



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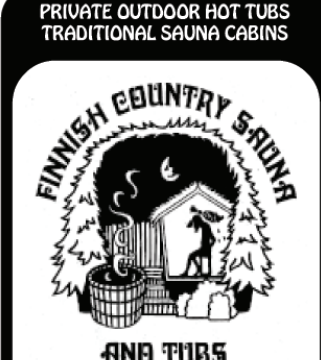
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STATE OF THE CITY

CITY STATE The Arcata Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of the City event at the Minor Theatre on Feb. 4. Attendees noshed coffee and donuts as Chamber Director Joellen Clark-Peterson welcomed speakers, above, Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer, CEO of BEAR Extraction House Per Jacobsen and Humboldt State President Dr. Tom Jackson. The three offered appraisals of the health of Arcata's economy, its cannabis industry and its state university. The Chamber's next big event comes this Saturday night, Feb. 22, with its Annual Business Leadership Awards at the Arcata Community Center. Tickets are available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

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• **Tuesday, January 21 5:11 p.m.** A man swirling in a small Sargasso Sea of personal possessions and garbage sat outside an M Street business, glomming onto someone else’s help-less electrons through the power outlets.

8:45 p.m. In a night-marish scenario, an Angelus Avenue resident arrived home to find her front door blocked, with sounds of *something* moving around inside. She took refuge in the car and called police to remove what was later described as a burglar, though no arrest is documented. While the perp’s morphological particulars remain subject to speculation, there are no indications that a giant squirrel may have been involved.

• **Wednesday, January 22 12:07 p.m.** Midnight vacuuming and trash can shuffling on Valley West Boulevard didn’t go over real well with one sleepless resident.

11:58 a.m. A fanciful figure pranced about on the railroad tracks near M Street, darting between buildings and gradually disrobing to reveal his sports bra. This served as prelude to the ritual throwing of large sticks, but the preposterous pageant was pe-

remptorily paused by police, who moved the rail sprite onward.

12:30 p.m. The rail dancer returned with similar antics and a new gender, alternately lurking ’twixt buildings, throwing trash and arguing with herself.

2:10 p.m. An “older,” casually attired gentleman caught stealing from an I Street store the day before had returned, his gray beard adding some elder gravitas to the teeming coffee bar, or maybe that was the regal blue sweatpants. Despite these attainments, his wizened countenance was asked to GTFO and never return.

6:48 p.m. Restaurantgoers at 16th and G streets beheld with varying levels of appreciation their succulent stir-fried veggies and grilled tempeh tossed in house-made peanut sauce and served over soba noodles topped with green onions, cilantro and gomasio and the man on the corner with his pants down around his ankles.

10:16 p.m. A Valley West woman suffering from a nervous disorder said that she saw uninvited persons in her home. But, realizing that her condition sometimes alters her perceptions, the woman asked officers to visit and ascer-

tain whether or not the people she was seeing were hallucinations.

• **Thursday, January 23 3:13 a.m.** A woman at an Arcata Heights entertainment venue said someone attacked her in the bathroom, break-

ing a champagne glass over her head.

2:06 p.m. Two men smoked things in the back doorway of an historic Plaza storehouse, a popular practice that bathes building users – many of whom have endured the torments

of smoking cessation – in unwanted gusts of sour smoke as they enter and exit. But this passive stink-ggression was well surpassed by the fuming duo when they dumped a bucket of human poo into a nearby bank lobby.



Hit Z roads | ‘Frustration’

❖ **FROM A1**

It’s been delayed, she said, having originally planned for distribution last July and is now bumped to this May – and “it could be even later than that, it’s really frustrating.”

Senator Mike McGuire has been contacted about it, Beck continued. “There’s a whole lot of frustration and the need to move forward,” she said.

“If we want to keep our addiction services going, we have to keep that in mind because it really concerns me,” Bass said. “In hearing Supervisor Madrone, I appreciated all the things you were mentioning about where you’d like to move monies – I think there are some other things I’m interested in keeping an eye on before I do a lot of that.”

Improving roads is part of Measure Z’s purpose, however, and supervisors supported using the available money for it. “We hear a lot about the roads – that’s because a lot of people drive them,” said Board Chair Estelle Fennell.

“Or try to,” rejoined Supervisor Rex Bohn. “Exactly,” Fennell said, adding that a lot of work is being done with funding from the state’s SB1 roads repair bill and federal emergency funding “but there’s always the day to day maintenance.”

A staff summary of the current fiscal year por-

trays it as ending in “a positive cash position as budgeted.”

Sales tax revenues are estimated to be \$5.58 million in the current fiscal year, which is \$520,000 more than budgeted. In the previous fiscal year, \$5.4 million in sales tax revenue was collected.

Supervisors were also given a forecast for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. Hayes said property tax revenue is expected to increase by \$1.1 million, sales tax revenue is expected to increase by \$700,000 and hotel bed tax income is forecasted to increase by \$361,000.

Measure S cannabis excise tax revenue is expected to increase by \$5.8 million due to a change in the timing of billing. And Hayes said Measure Z revenue will see a “modest” increase of \$65,000.

Supervisors approved a series of recommendations for the upcoming year’s budget, including raising departmental budgets by five percent.

Supervisors also approved additional staffing for the County Administrative Office to handle Public Records Act requests.

Hayes said departmental budgets for the coming year are due March 16 and Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations on funding requests will be presented in mid-April.

Public hearings on the upcoming budget will be held June 15 and its adoption is set for June 23.

Help Laura McNulty recover from crash

HUMBOLDT – Support is pouring in for Arcata resident Laura McNulty, an extraordinary athlete, cyclist, runner, swimmer, horsewoman, personal trainer, photographer, wife, mother and friend.

Laura was hit by a car while riding her bike on Fickle Hill Road near Park Avenue very close to the Fickle Hill Trail.

McNulty remains in ICU at St Joseph Hospital in Eureka with a spinal injury as well as facial lacerations.

It will be necessary for Laura to get to a spinal cord injury care and rehab institution to receive the best diagnosis and treatment for this most critical injury.

She is waiting for confirmation of admit-



tance to the Rehabilitation Center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

To view her “Life is But a Dream” GoFundMe page, please visit gf.me/v/c/bgwk/z8axzh-life-is-but-a-dream.

Zero Waste Humboldt workshops

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – Zero Waste expert Portia Sinnott of Zero Waste USA presents a workshop with Maggie Gainer of Zero Waste Humboldt on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the City of Eureka Adorni Center Conference Room, 1011 Waterfront Dr., Eureka; and Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Arcata Branch Library Meeting Room, 500 Seventh St., Arcata, just east of City Hall.

Sinnott said, “Zero Waste USA has designed this two-and-a-half hour training for individual advocates, nonprofit organizations, youth group leaders, event producers, and grassroots groups that do beach and litter cleanup.”

The Zero Waste workshop will use templates and easy on-line tools to train in Zero Waste standards, data collection for monitoring waste reduction, and to help identify the brands that create the most waste at Humboldt events and litter cleanup projects. Gainer said, “We need more citizen science. With more data collection, we will be able to improve local monitoring, and join worldwide grassroots efforts to publicly name and go after the big brands that manufacture single use plastics and wasteful packaging.”

Discounts are available for advance enrollment and for groups at zerowastehumboldt.org/workshops. To learn more, email zerowastehumboldt@gmail.com.

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FREE screening at the Arcata Playhouse of the new season of the PBS cooking series **No Passport Required**, a show about immigrant traditions and cuisine in America. Then watch **My Family, My Flavors** – a new KEET show in which local students share their families’ heritage dishes and traditions. There will be a panel discussion led by **Jennifer Bell** of Food for Thought.



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basing their beliefs on old data.

“In my mind, I would not fluo-
ridate,” Pitino said, with a warning
that would give any prospective par-
ent pause: “If you’re pregnant, do
not drink fluoridated water because
it will affect the IQ of your baby.”

The study he cited has been
roundly panned by scientists for
its basis in self-reported data, for
non-significant findings and for
conflating correlation and causation
– something alluded to by a dental
scholar later in the meeting.

While Pitino stressed the ad-
vent of game-changing new infor-
mation, his arguments – and later,
those on both sides of the issue
who spoke – largely rehashed the
same ones made during 2006’s
Measure W debate.

Pitino noted that Arcata’s flu-
oridated water ends up in Hum-
boldt Bay. “Who gets it?” Pitino
asked, accurately answering his
own question. “The environment,
the bay, all the animals.”

As in 2006, fluoride remains
the 13th most abundant element in
the Earth’s crust. It is found in sea-
water at concentrations between
0.86 and 1.4 milligrams per liter,
or parts per million.

According to a staff report, the
City of Arcata fluoridates at a con-
centration of 0.7 milligrams per liter.

Thus, Arcata’s drinking water
discharges, containing up to half
as much fluoride as seawater, di-

lute rather than increase Humboldt
Bay’s fluoride levels and the expo-
sure of wildlife to it.

Were Arcata’s annual discharge
of 540,000,000 gallons of treat-
ed wastewater to become fluo-
ride-free, it’s still not likely to dilute
the 353,462,210,000,000,000,000
gallons of water held in the
world’s seas. Arcata’s minute
0.000000000015277446 (1.5
trillionth) percent contribution is a
virtual speck in that more-heavily
fluoridated ocean.

In perhaps an inadvertent pun,
Pitino complained that fluoride
opponents were “drowned out” by
supporters in 2006.

The ballot option and a town
hall meeting on fluoridation
gained immediate support from
Mayor Michael Winkler. He said
he wanted to honor the vote from
2006, but that he was open to hav-
ing citizens re-decide the matter.

The first speaker was Fortuna
dentist and president of the Hum-
boldt-Del Norte Dental Society, Mi-
chael Belluscio, DDS. He’s brought
a coterie of dental scientists from
academia, whom he said were
available to provide the “real sci-
ence” on fluoride.

Bruce Lebel, who opposed fluo-
ridation in 2006, said the city was
“medicating the population” with
fluoride. He cautioned against ar-
senic contamination of the water
supply via fluoridation.

Cynthia Stewart objected to Bay-
side residents who use Arcata water
not being able to vote on the matter.

“Poison! Poison! Poison!” de-
clared a woman who said she was
a retired nurse. She said fluoride
opponents were treated like unin-
telligent anti-Americans in 2006.

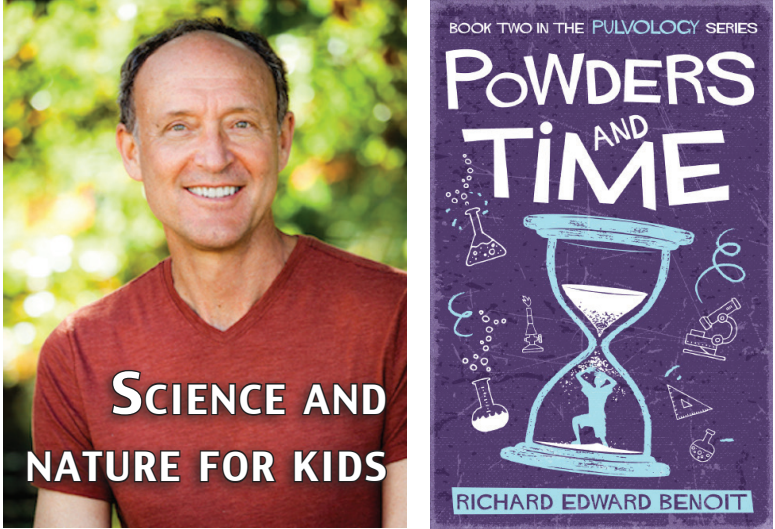
Citizen Kelsey Reedy suggested
alternative methods for boosting
dental health, just as fluoride op-
ponents did in 2006 – though any post-
vote action they may have taken to
improve dental care is unrecorded.

After fluoride opponents referred
to the chemical as a drug, a toxin
and as both toxic and hazardous
waste, the doctors, dentists and sci-
entists strongly supported fluoride
as a major health innovation which
is harmless and clinically proven
as beneficial. Many agreed though,
that a new vote was a good idea.

Former First Five Humboldt
Director Wendy Rowan called for
an “evidence-based” discussion,
and urged continued fluoridation.
She said defluoridation would
place “an unequal burden on those
community members least able to
afford or access preventive dental
care,” with increased tooth decay
resulting and no benefits rendered.

Pitino eventually made a mo-
tion to eliminate fluoride on the
spot, but that gained no second,
only a rebuke by Winkler for dis-
honoring the peoples’ 2006 vote.

A second Pitino motion to cre-
ate ballot measure also failed for
lack of a second. Councilmembers
Brett Watson and Sofia Pereira
said any action to place the matter
on the ballot should be done via
grassroots voter initiative.



BENOIT'S NEWEST BOOK Arcata dentist Richard Edward Benoit is also a twice-published author. He obtained a degree in biology, then continued his studies to earn a doctorate in dental surgery. He gardens and writes, and is always captivated by the wonders of science and the beauty of nature.

The Pulvology series was inspired by his children and was one of the ways Benoit brought science into their lives, making it fun and exciting. His first book in the series, *A Pinch of Powder*, won a gold decree from the 2017 Mom's Choice Awards and a bronze citation from the 2017 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards. *Powders and Time* is the second book in the series.

A plot summary:
After his accident with Mrs. Simonson's powder, Jim struggles to understand the abilities he's secretly gained. Then a terrible event hurtles him into a distant place, requiring others to rush to his aid. But saving Jim isn't easy, not when he's been promised he could rule the world if he'd simply embrace a sinister plan — an offer almost too difficult to turn down.

Powders and Time is an adventure full of excitement and humor. It is the second book in the Pulvology series.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

CLIMATE MEETING 350 Humboldt, a climate activist organization, holds its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 20 starting at 6 p.m. at El Chipotle Restaurant, 850 Crescent Way in Arcata. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. if you wish to learn more about 350 Humboldt's work in the community or to order dinner. All are Welcome.

GREAT WHITES Explore North Coast and the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center invite the public to their lecture series on Great White Sharks featuring Dr. Taylor Chapple on Friday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka. Admission is free. The title for Dr. Chapple's talk is "Who is Jaws? Separating fact from fiction?" Dr. Chapple is professor at Hatfield Marine Science Center of Oregon State University. Taylor has been working with sharks around the world for nearly 20 years. Using cutting edge technology, rigorous science and engaging media platforms, Chapple has been working to use science to change how we think about sharks. For more information email info@explorenorthcoast.net or call (707) 616-0016.



ARCATA MARSH NATIVE GARDEN TALK On Friday, Feb. 21, Pete Haggard will enlighten us about his several years of volunteer work to create a native plant garden in front of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center.

The focus of the garden is coastal habitat species, using plants naturally there, donations from Lost Foods at Redwood Acres, and specimens from Pete's personal garden in Fieldbrook. According to former city naturalist Gretchen O'Brien, Haggard was involved in the conceptual meeting to create the garden, held in spring 2017, and the effort started with the two of them removing non-native plants from the area. Haggard will discuss the species of plants there and what critters they attract. He and his wife Judy authored a field guide to insects of the Pacific Northwest. He maintains two other public gardens as a volunteer. This free public lecture, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, is sponsored by FOAM. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees, on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Leslie Scopes Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds and/or ecology of the marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

BIRDING AT THE MARSH Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 22. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Tracy Walker in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Work Day on Saturday, Feb. 22. Help restore bird-friendly habitat by removing large swathes of scotch broom and lots of other invasive plant species, as well as trash, from a stretch of the bay trail right behind the Bayshore Mall. Meet at 9 a.m. at the back of parking lot between Kohl's and Sportsman's Warehouse (intersection of Christie and Howell streets). Tools and gloves will be provided, or you are welcome to bring your own. Light refreshments, water, and coffee will be available. Please bring your own containers. Work ends at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Jeremy Cashen at (214) 605-7368 or jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION	
In re: PG&E CORPORATION, - and - PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, Debtors.	Chapter 11 Case No. 19-30088 (DM) (Lead Case) (Jointly Administered)
<input type="checkbox"/> Affects PG&E Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affects both Debtors	
* All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).	
AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPROVAL OF (A) PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR DEBTORS' AND SHAREHOLDER PROPOSONENTS' JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION; (B) PLAN SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES; (C) FORMS OF BALLOTS, SOLICITATION PACKAGES, AND RELATED NOTICES; AND (D) OTHER RELATED RELIEF	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:	
1. The Plan and Proposed Disclosure Statement. On February 7, 2020, pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the " Debtors "), filed the proposed disclosure statement [Docket No. 5700] (together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the " Proposed Disclosure Statement ") for the <i>Debtors' and Shareholder Proponents' Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, dated January 31, 2020</i> [Docket No. 5590] (together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the " Plan "). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Proposed Disclosure Statement.	
2. Solicitation Procedures Motion. In accordance with the amended Disclosure Statement approval and Plan confirmation schedule established by the Court [Docket No. 5732] (the " Scheduling Order "), the Debtors will file, on or before February 18, 2020, a Motion requesting, <i>inter alia</i> , that the Court (i) approve Plan solicitation and voting procedures, and (ii) approve the forms of Ballots, Solicitation Packages, and related notices to be sent to the Debtors' creditors and equity interest holders in connection with confirmation of the Plan (the " Solicitation Procedures Motion ").	
3. Disclosure Statement Hearing. A hearing (the " Disclosure Statement Hearing ") to consider approval of the Proposed Disclosure Statement and the relief requested in the Solicitation Procedures Motion will be held before the Honorable Dennis Montali, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time), and, if needed, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time) , in Courtroom 17 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division (the " Bankruptcy Court "), 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. The Disclosure Statement Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice to creditors, equity interest holders, or other parties in interest other than by an announcement in the Bankruptcy Court of such continuance or as indicated in any notice of agenda of matters scheduled for hearing filed by the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court.	
4. Objections or Responses to the Proposed Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures Motion.	
a. Core Parties. Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order, the following parties (collectively, the " Core Parties ") must serve any responses or objections to approval of the Proposed Disclosure Statement or any of the relief sought in the Solicitation Procedures Motion (each, a " Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objection ") by e-mail on the parties listed in Paragraph 4.c.(v)C-L below (BUT NOT FILED OR SENT TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT) so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020 (Prevailing Pacific Time) : (i) the Tort Claimants Committee; (ii) the Creditors Committee; (iii) the U.S. Trustee; (iv) the Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claimholders; (v) the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders; (vi) the U.S. Department of Justice; (vii) the Office of the California Attorney General; (viii) Governor Gavin Newsom; (ix) the California Public Utilities Commission; (x) the Ad Hoc Committee of Holders of Trade Claims; (xi) Valley Clean Energy Alliance; (xii) City and County of San Francisco; (xiii) South San Joaquin Irrigation District; (xiv) BOKF, NA, solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee for the Utility Senior Notes; (xv) Adventist Health System/West and Feather River Hospital; and (xvi) the Consenting Fire Claimant Professional Group. Counsel for any of the Core Parties who have served objections or responses shall meet and confer with counsel for the Debtors and the Shareholder Proponents no later than March 5, 2020, to attempt to resolve any Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objections. To the extent any Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objection of a Core Party is not resolved during such meet and confer, the applicable Core Party shall file and serve its Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objection in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3017(a), Local Bankruptcy Rule 3017-1(a), and the procedures set forth below so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2020 (Prevailing Pacific Time) .	
b. All Other Parties. Pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order, Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objections of any other parties (e.g., parties other than the Core Parties) must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3017(a), Local Bankruptcy Rule 3017-1(a), and the procedures set forth below so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2020 (Prevailing Pacific Time) .	
c. Response and Objection Procedures. Disclosure Statement or Solicitation Objections must:	
(i) Be in writing;	
(ii) State the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest of such party;	
(iii) State with particularity in short, concise bullet points (without points and authorities in support), the basis and nature of any objection or response to the Proposed Disclosure Statement and include, where appropriate, proposed language to be incorporated into the Proposed Disclosure Statement to resolve any such objection or response;	
(iv) Conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the <i>Order Establishing Procedures for Disclosure Statement and Confirmation Hearing</i> (N.D. Cal. May 2017) (Montali, J.), and the Scheduling Order; and	
(v) Be served on the following parties:	
A. Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Mail Box 36099, San Francisco, California 94102;	
B. The Debtors, c/o PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, California 94177 (Attn: Janet Loduca, Esq.);	
C. The attorneys for the Debtors, (A) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Stephen Karotkin, Esq. (stephen.karotkin@weil.com), Jessica Liou, Esq. (jessica.liou@weil.com), and Matthew Goren, Esq. (matthew.goren@weil.com)), (B) Keller & Benvenuti LLP, 650 California Street, Suite 1900, San Francisco, California 94108 (Attn: Tobias S. Keller, Esq. (tkeller@kellerbenvenuti.com) and Jane Kim, Esq. (jkim@kellerbenvenuti.com)), and (C) Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Worldwide Plaza, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019 (Attn: Paul H. Zumbro, Esq. (pzumbro@cravath.com), Kevin J. Orsini, Esq. (korsini@cravath.com), and Omid H. Nasab, Esq. (onasab@cravath.com));	
D. The U.S. Trustee, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 5th Floor, Suite 05-0153, San Francisco, California 94102 (Attn: James L. Snyder, Esq. (James.L.Snyder@usdoj.gov) and Timothy Laffredi, Esq. (Timothy.S.Laffredi@usdoj.gov));	

E. The attorneys for the administrative agent under the Debtors' debtor-in-possession financing facility, (A) Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982 (Attn: Kristopher M. Hansen, Esq. (khansen@stroock.com), Erez E. Gilad, Esq. (egilad@stroock.com), and Matthew G. Garofalo, Esq. (mgarofalo@stroock.com)) and (B) Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 2029 Century Park East, Los Angeles, California 90067-3086 (Attn: Frank A. Merola, Esq. (fmerola@stroock.com));

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G. The attorneys for the CPUC, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019-6064 (Attn: Alan W. Kornberg, Esq. (akornberg@paulweiss.com), Brian S. Hermann, Esq. (bhermann@paulweiss.com), Walter R. Rieman, Esq. (wrieman@paulweiss.com), Sean A. Mitchell, Esq. (smitchell@paulweiss.com), and Neal P. Donnelly, Esq. (ndonnelly@paulweiss.com));

H. The attorneys for the Creditors Committee, (A) Milbank LLP, 55 Hudson Yards, New York, New York 10001-2163 (Attn: Dennis F. Dunne, Esq. (DDunne@milbank.com) and Samuel A. Kahilil, Esq. (skhalil@milbank.com)) and (B) Milbank LLP, 2029 Century Park East, 33rd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067 (Attn: Gregory A. Bray, Esq. (GBray@milbank.com) and Thomas R. Kreiler, Esq. (TKreiler@milbank.com));

I. The attorneys for the Tort Claimants Committee, (A) Baker & Hostetler LLP, 1160 Battery Street, Suite 100, San Francisco, California 94111 (Attn: Robert A. Julian, Esq. (rjulian@bakerlaw.com) and Cecily A. Dumas, Esq. (cdumas@bakerlaw.com)) and (B) Baker & Hostetler LLP, 11601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, California, 90025-0509 (Attn: Eric E. Sagerman, Esq. (esagerman@bakerlaw.com) and Lauren T. Attard, Esq. (lattard@bakerlaw.com));

J. The attorneys for the Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders, (A) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019-6099 (Attn: Matthew A. Feldman, Esq. (mfeldman@willkie.com), Joseph G. Minias Esq. (jminias@willkie.com), Benjamin P. McCallen Esq. (bmccallen@willkie.com), and Daniel I. Forman Esq. (dforman@willkie.com)) and (B) Diemer & Wei, LLP, 100 West San Fernando Street, Suite 555, San Jose, California 95113 (Attn: Kathryn S. Diemer (kdiemer@diemerwei.com));

K. The attorneys for the Shareholder Proponents, Jones Day, 555 South Flower Street, Fiftieth Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071-2300 (Attn: Bruce S. Bennett, Esq. (bbennett@jonesday.com), Joshua M. Mester, Esq. (jmester@jonesday.com), and James O. Johnston, Esq. (jjohnston@jonesday.com)); and

L. The attorneys for the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders, (A) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York, 10036 (Attn: Michael S. Stamer, Esq. (mstamer@akingump.com), Ira S. Dizengoff, Esq. (izdizengoff@akingump.com), David H. Botter, Esq. (dbotter@akingump.com), Auid Qureshi, Esq. (aqureshi@akingump.com) and (B) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 580 California Street, Suite 1500, San Francisco, California 94104 (Attn: Ashley Vinson Crawford, Esq. (avacrawford@akingump.com)).

THE COURT NARROWLY CONSTRUES SECTION 1125(a)(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE TO MAKE SURE THAT ADEQUATE DISCLOSURE WILL ENABLE AN IMPAIRED CREDITOR OR SHAREHOLDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT ABOUT THE PLAN. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT INCLUDE OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION, ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLAN, OR OTHER IRRELEVANT MATTERS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THAT AN OBJECTION MAY BE BASED UPON A GOOD FAITH BELIEF THAT THE PROPOSED PLAN IS UNCONFIRMABLE AS A MATTER OF LAW. THE COURT WILL NOT TREAT THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION AS A WAIVER OF SUCH AN OBJECTION FILED LATER WHEN THE PLAN IS READY TO BE CONSIDERED.

IF ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR THE SOLICITATION PROCEDURES MOTION IS NOT TIMELY FILED AND SERVED AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, THE OBJECTING PARTY MAY BE BARRED FROM OBJECTING TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR ANY OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLICITATION PROCEDURES MOTION AND MAY NOT BE HEARD AT THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING.

5. **Other Relevant Dates.** The Scheduling Order also approved and established the following dates and deadlines:

a. February 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Deadline for filing any objection to, or request for estimation of, a Claim for purposes of voting on the Plan.

b. February 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Deadline for filing summary of Fire Victim Claims Resolution Procedures.

c. February 28, 2020: Deadline to file substantially final form of Subrogation Wildfire Trust Agreement.

d. February 28, 2020: Deadline for Debtors to file proposed executive summary of Plan treatment of Fire Victim Claims (this document is referred to as the Fire Victim Claim Plan Treatment Summary in the Proposed Disclosure Statement).

e. March 3, 2020: Deadline to file substantially final forms of each of the Fire Victim Trust Agreement and the Fire Victim Claims Resolution Procedures

f. March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Deadline for any creditor or shareholder to file a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a) seeking to temporarily allow its Claim or Interest in a different class or amount for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan.

g. March 9, 2020: Debtors to file revised or amended Plan and Proposed Disclosure Statement.

h. May 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Deadline for submitting Ballots to accept or reject the Plan.

i. May 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Deadline for filing and serving objections to Plan confirmation.

j. May 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): Pre-confirmation scheduling conference. **Principal counsel representing a party, or any pro se party, objecting to confirmation of the Plan must appear in person at a pre-confirmation scheduling conference on May 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time) to discuss scheduling any evidentiary matters to be dealt with in connection with the Confirmation Hearing and scheduling for briefing of contested legal issues. Failure to appear may result in the objection being stricken.**

k. May 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time): First day of Confirmation Hearing.

6. **Miscellaneous.** The Proposed Disclosure Statement and the Plan (and, once filed, the Solicitation Procedures Motion) are on file with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and may be examined by interested parties at no cost at <https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/page/>. The Proposed Disclosure Statement and the Plan (and, once filed, the Solicitation Procedures Motion) may also be: (i) examined by interested parties during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk on a public computer terminal; (ii) accessed for a fee via PACER at <http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/>; and (iii) obtained by written request to the Debtors' solicitation agent, Prime Clerk LLC ("Prime Clerk" or the "Solicitation Agent"), at the address or e-mail address below: **If by standard, overnight, or hand delivery:** PG&E Information c/o Prime Clerk, LLC, One Grand Central Place, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1440, New York, NY 10165; **If by e-mail to:** pgeinfo@primeclerk.com.

THE SOLICITATION AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO, AND WILL NOT PROVIDE, LEGAL ADVICE.

Dated: February 11, 2020

OPINION

Facts and fiction on Measure R, the Arcata Fire District tax proposal

The danger is real

DANGER IS LOOMING FOR ARCATA, MCKINLEYVILLE, JACOBY CREEK, BAYSIDE, FIELDBROOK AND MANILA!

Over 15 years ago, I was hunting in Colorado and staying in a small mining town called Red Cliff. When we came back at 11 a.m., we saw a major fire in this small town. It was being fought by one paid firefighter and one volunteer. It was huge. They were applying water from the only road in town to several structures. The problem was that there were only two firefighters and they had no way to assess the entire situation. When we arrived, I ran to the paid firefighter and told him he needed to come with me. I could see the area behind the buildings that were on fire and there was three story, wood shingle building that was against the mountain with the deck on fire. It could easily spread into a massive wildfire. He agreed and we rushed to pull another line around the back of the fire while the volunteer continued fighting the fire from the main street.

Once we pulled the hose and it was filled with water, I was shocked at the weight. He ran up to me in his full fire gear and said we need to move the hose a few feet so he could get a better angle on the fire. We could barely move it. Fortunately, my hunting buddies were there and they assisted us. He asked me to kneel behind him so he could use my shoulder as a rest for the hose to assist him in quicker movement and placement of the water. As I hid behind him, with my head against his butt to protect me from the intense heat and flames, I heard the massive roar of the fire and yelled at him, "I don't know what you get paid but it is not enough". It took the Eagle Fire Department 25 minutes to get there because they were so far away.

That is the day I was a firefighter for a half hour and my understanding of what a firefighter does and needs to do increased drastically. With just two of them, they could not properly assess the situation and they could not effectively fight the fire. Here is why I am writing this letter:

There are several things I knew before I had this experience because I was an insurance agent for 25 years at the time. While I don't know a lot about fighting fires, I do know that fire spreads SO quickly it gives you little time to respond. In seconds a fire can go in to "flash," which can consume everything. There is little one can do but just contain it. Fire increases exponentially so response time is critical. Being at many fires after the event, I was always amazed. My clients all said the same thing, "It happened so fast and took so much!"

Here is what I learned from attending several of the Town Hall meetings hosted by the Arcata FD. Arcata has one of the largest fire districts in the County covering 62 square miles. It protects from Indianola Road and Manila, North to Clam Beach and East to Glendale. There are three stations that have two firefighters centrally located, one in McKinleyville and two in Arcata. If measure R does not pass, one station will be forced to close. By attending the meetings, I learned all of the details. Here are some highlights that you might not know.

The Fire District receives \$.06 per \$100 property valuation from your property tax bill. The City of Arcata does not directly fund the Fire Department. The City of Arcata does pay the property tax bill and other assessments on the property they own just as any business does. Two funding measures are already in place and they were passed in 1996 and 2006. They are totally inadequate to meet the needs of 2019. Measure R will replace the 1996 special tax. For a single-family residence, it would be \$118 per year to the existing \$88 Benefit Assessment tax the voters approved in 2006. A rural residence would increase \$192 per year and a mobile home in a park would pay \$90 per year.

People think Measure Z funds will continue to help but the reality is they do not. Here is what Measure Z did for AFD: Replaced 80 air packs and bottles, replaced full gear for 34 firefighters and paid \$65,000 per year for 3 years for the dispatch fees. It also purchased a Regional Mobile Training Tower, which will be instrumental in training and keeping firefighters' skills proficient. Nothing is guaranteed for any ongoing cost!

AFD HAD a contingency fund and has depleted it to maintain current staff and equipment over the last few years. AFD has made several significant changes in their operations. The call volume has increased from 1232 in 1996 to over 3800 calls for

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2019. Their work volume has increased by over 300 percent. With the medical aid calls being so significant, they have outfitted their pickup trucks with gear they need to go on a medical aid call and also back up equipment so they could go to a fire. That way they can start initial set up as they wait for a Fire Engine. By not taking a Fire Engine on those calls, they save thousands of miles on the wear and tear of the Fire Engine. Replacing a fire pickup truck costs \$50,000 and a Fire Engine costs \$750,000 or more. It costs just as much for one tire on a fire engine as it does for four tires on a fire pickup truck. Better gas mileage has helped offset some of the increased cost with this change but the cost of fuel has eaten up the savings. There are many more examples of cost cutting measures I learned about in the meetings but I cannot tell you about all of them.

If measure R does not pass, one station will close. This will mean they will lose one-third of their staff which places the burden on the remaining two-thirds. My question to you is if your employer said they were cutting staff by one-third, would you be able to pick up the slack? How long would you be willing to do this? Could you take the increased stress? The estimated closing date of one fire station is July 1, 2020, when the fiscal year starts. The date may be sooner if AFD loses more employees!

The AFD has become a training ground for beginning firefighters so AFD invests the time and money training them and then many chose to move on. Measure R has a Sunset Clause in it so even if it passes, it will only be there for 10 years. Would you work for a business that you know may not be able to hire you 10 years from now? When a firefighter leaves, he/she not only takes the experience and knowledge of our area but their time spent here counts towards the PERS retirement. Let's use the example of a firefighter who works 10 years for AFD then moves on to another area. If they work for another 20 years, they will have 30 years and AFD will have to fund third of their retirement. If the pay is higher at another Fire Department (which in most cases it is), the amount AFD is required to pay by PERS is also proportionately higher. The fixed costs from this increase each year and a contingency fund needs to be developed for this and other future costs like equipment replacement, injuries and unknown expenses. All of us have had unknown expenses and we wonder how we will pay for it. Few people have a sufficient contingency fund!

The starting wage for a beginning firefighter is \$14.63 per hour. You can go to In-N-Out Burger and START at \$15 per hour with no fire or EMT training.

Transparent California lists the pay for the Fire Department. When people review it, they comment on the pay they have received. The average person works 2080 hours per year. Arcata FD works about 40 percent more hours, 2,920, trying to keep staffing at a minimum. They are already down three firefighter positions due to cost cutting measures with three more pending departures. Transparent California also requires that the prevailing wage paid to fire personnel who work wildfires be included so those numbers do not necessarily represent the actual pay. Would you be willing to work 40 percent more hours in your current job? Could you do your job if you also lost one-third of your fellow workers!

By going to the meetings, I learned how the mutual aid agreement works between all agencies. If there is a fire, surrounding Fire Departments provide assistance either at the scene or backup at their station for possible incoming calls. With Measure R not passing and losing a station, there is quite a dilemma. If you send help and then only one Fire Engine with two people will be left to cover 62 square miles.

Why does AFD go out on so many medical aid calls? Why don't you leave it for the ambulance company? I found out there are two Ambulances to cover from Indianola North, Willow Creek East all the way to the Del Norte County line. AFD response time to the medical aid is quicker than the ambulance in 70 percent of the time. Sometimes AFD is the only one there because the ambulance crew is out on a call. If you need medical aid, wouldn't you want the shortest time before help arrives? Wouldn't you want someone to show up? Just imagine the dilemma it would place on the firefighters if they had to decide to go to a life-saving emergency OR a fire. Without proper staffing this is the type of decision

that would have to be made.

AFD has the "Jaws of Life" that ambulance crews do not have and are not trained to use. AFD also inspects over 4,000 apartment units because Arcata is a college town. You can't put a price on that!

AFD also provides many duties that others do not do, including "Lift Assists"! If a person falls down and no one is around to assist them in getting back up or the person there cannot do it by themselves, AFD responds. You do not want your loved one to remain on the floor, which creates many more medical issues.

Then there is the big unknown! What will happen to your insurance? Being in the insurance business for almost 40 years I must admit, I do not have the answer. Since insurance companies rate based on the risk, if the risk increases the rates will probably follow. Any change would probably not be immediate. An increase in the Protection Class Rating from a 3 to a 4 or higher could happen if Measure R does not pass. Longer response times may cause more severe damage which in turn creates a higher loss ratio for a company. Eventually, it come down to you can pay me now or pay me later. Some companies have left the State or restricted their business. Competition is better for everyone.

As I read the argument against Measure R in the voter information guide, I assume that the person/persons who wrote this did not know the FULL financial story, call volume (emergency and non-emergency) and cost saving measures already taken by AFD. I attended several meetings and learned more at each meeting. By comparing AFD to any other department, you need to know how those departments are funded and what assistance they receive from others sources. It is like comparing apples to oranges.

**Paul Nicholson
Bayside**

Vote yes on Measure R

Neighbors in the Arcata Fire District, please VOTE YES on Measure R to preserve your current level of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services! I've served this community for 38+ years as a cop, police chief, emergency manager, and now an instructor in Active Shooter response. And since 2015, I've volunteered with AFD logistics and command post operations.

I've seen first-hand your firefighters battle intense wind-driven vegetation fires, saving the HSU Music Building, Arcata Hotel, Presbyterian Church, the entire east side of the Plaza and a McKinleyville apartment torched by a barricaded gunman. All required multiple AFD engines AND command officers to direct the response. I've learned that we have a reasonably-sized and competent staff doing their best with aging equipment and rising expenses that can't keep up with 1997 funding levels.

Meanwhile, here's what's increasing: Calls for service. Dry vegetation fuels. High winds and temperatures. Wildland fire risk. Insurance ratings. Threats of violence and multi-casualty incidents. This is NOT the time to cut your fire/medical/rescue service by roughly one-third! We can wish that we had different means to sustainably fund our fire district, but AFD can't make ends meet with bake sales and best intentions.

I have never written a letter before and I have nothing to gain; I will be paying more tax when Measure R passes. But I'm hopeful that you'll consider our collective community risks, not just your own personal finances. When your neighbor calls 911, they need that response to be 100 percent, not 66 percent.

Please be sure that AFD remains capable by voting YES on Measure R.

Thomas Dewey, retired HSU police chief/emergency manager, 2004-2011
Arcata

Measure R inadequate

Measure R is meant to fund frozen and/or new positions for the Arcata Fire District. If passed by two thirds of voters, it would raise \$1.9 (plus or minus) million dollars per year from added property taxes. The District has a deficit of \$250,000 per year. All of the numbers we included in our opposition statement were received from and fact checked by Fire Chief Justin McDonald.

The reason Measure R is inadequate for addressing long-term solutions is that it simply fails to consider;

A. The use of the consolidated Arcata Fire Station could easily be used as an incident command training center for first responders, fire fighters and law enforcement.

B. The need to provide on-site housing for these trainees. Housing while training is a known hurdle for those committed to entering into this type of public service.

C. Developing a much-needed school would likely alleviate the need for as many fully funded positions and thus the added tax burden on those who least afford it.

To be clear, our position is to advocate for the use of on the job trainees not merely volunteers. These trainees would be at tiered levels and only put into situations they were trained for. The community service they would offer is significant and support personnel numbers would ultimately be higher. Graduates of such training would be eligible for a wide variety of employment throughout the county and the nation.

Additionally, the consolidation of our various municipal dispatch systems into one county-wide system would solve multiple issues. Yes, there are upfront costs for upgrading that system, but such costs would be eligible for grant funding and not dependent on further burdening property owners and ultimately residents that currently rent.

Proponents of this measure point to the increase of calls without clarifying what the type of calls being responded to. That in itself makes it very difficult for voters to compare apples to apples.

The Humboldt County Taxpayer League has and always will have ultimate respect for first responders and fire fighters. We also would like to see 21st century solutions developed for 21st century problems. Nearly tripling taxes on those of us who make this our home is just too much. We can do better.

Uri Driscoll, president
Humboldt County Taxpayer League
Arcata

Failure of Measure R will lengthen response

Arcata Fire district has been providing a broad level of professional services to the communities of Arcata, McKinleyville, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek since 1884. However, your fire district is currently facing an obstacle that could greatly compromise this level of service.

In the past three decades call numbers have increased at a rapid pace. Since 1997 emergency responses have nearly tripled. In 1997 the annual call volume reached 1,232 responses. Today, the annual call volume is 3,850 responses. In order to effectively accommodate this extreme growth in the community's needs, the fire district has to grow with it. This means at a minimum it must maintain its current staffing. With your help in passing Measure R, Arcata Fire District can continue to maintain this community aid. This proposal would also maintain the current response time to your emergencies.

It takes on average five minutes for an engine to be at your door. However if Measure R is unsuccessful it will mean the closing of one of the three strategically placed stations in the district. Located near Arcata Plaza, next to Mad River Hospital and across from Safeway in McKinleyville, these three stations are evenly spread to provide a rapid arrival. Unfortunately, with the shutdown of one of these stations, response times would increase dramatically.

When someone stops breathing, lifesaving intervention must be implemented as soon as possible. Chances of survival decrease seven to 10 percent every minute. This is why it is crucial for your fire district to maintain its expedient responses to ensure the communities best chance of survival in these times of need. Fast response times are also important in the event of fires. A modern house fire can double in size every nine to 13 seconds, resulting in extremely dangerous conditions for those inside. For this reason the district takes pride in arriving as fast as they do, helping prevent loss of life and the protection of property.

If Measure R does not pass, the district will also be forced to terminate the positions of six firefighters. The national standard for the number of firefighters on an engine is four, the California state standard is three per engine. Due to current funding your district can only staff two firefighters per engine. The termination of six firefighters would decrease its ability to effectively manage your emergencies.

The fire district cannot exist to protect the community without its support, please vote yes on Measure R this March to ensure that those who live in this beautiful community can rest at ease knowing Arcata Fire District has their backs.

**Ruger West
Kneeland**

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What Measure R really says, and an impartial analysis

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE R ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AN ORDINANCE OF THE ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADJUSTING THE RATE OF A FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL TAX IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION, RESCUE, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The people of the Arcata Fire Protection District do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Authority. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 53978 and Article XIII A of the California Constitution, this Ordinance, if passed by two-thirds voter approval, would increase the Arcata Fire Protection District's existing voter-approved special tax levied for fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services and would supersede the existing special tax rate of \$5 per unit of benefit approved by qualified voters of the District in 1997 (Ordinance No. 97-010).

SECTION 2. Purpose and Intent. The proceeds from this special tax shall be used solely for the purpose of providing fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services within the District. In particular, the special tax will be used to maintain and improve the current level of community-based fire protection services provided by the District. This includes annual budget support to maintain current firefighter positions, and provide for adequate firefighting equipment, apparatus, and necessary capital improvements, consistent with the needs of the residents of the District and the Fire Protection District Law of 1987.

SECTION 3. Special Tax Rate. Beginning with the 2020-21 fiscal year, the special tax shall be levied at flat rates based on the use of each taxable parcel of real property, in accordance with the schedule below:

	Parcel use Category	Total Annual Charge
A.	Vacant/unimproved:	\$30 per year
B.	Single-Family Residential:	\$118 per year
C.	Rural Residential/Improved:	\$192 per year
D.	Multi-Family Residential (2-4 units):	\$309 per year
E.	Multi-Family Residential (5-9 units):	\$388 per year
F.	Multi-Family Residential (10+ units):	\$465 per year
G.	Commercial:	\$546 per year
H.	Industrial:	\$910 per year
I.	Retail (10,000 + square feet):	\$910 per year
J.	Mobile Homes:	\$90 per year

A. Vacant/Unimproved: Any vacant land or unimproved property.

B. Single-Family Residential: A dwelling unit designed for occupancy by one household, located on a single parcel that does not contain any other dwelling unit (except an accessory dwelling unit, where permitted).

C. Rural Residential/Improved:



Two sides of the Arcata Fire Protection District's Measure R.

Low-density residential or agricultural structures that generally rely upon on-site water systems, requiring the use of trucked-in water for fire suppression.

D. Multi-Family Residential (2-4 units): 2 to 4 dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, duplexes, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.

E. Multi-Family Residential (5-9 units): 5 to 9 dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.

F. Multi-Family Residential (10+ units): ten or more dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.

G. Commercial: Commercial or institutional uses including but not limited to stores and retail businesses (less than 10,000 square feet), offices, restaurants and bars, service stations, auto repair, hotels, motels, day care facilities, professional business parks, and similar uses.

H. Industrial: Industrial uses including but not limited to manufacturing, packaging, shipping, recycling, industrial parks, wood products, energy production, and similar uses.

I. Retail (10,000 + square feet): a retail business that occupies 10,000 or more square feet.

J. Mobile Home Site: an area of land

within a mobile home park that is rented, or held out for rent, to accommodate a mobile home used for human habitation. A mobile home park is an area of land where two or more mobile home sites are rented, or held out for rent, to accommodate mobile homes used for human habitation. A mobile home is a structure designed for human habitation and for being moved on a street or highway, including, but not limited to, manufactured homes, motor homes, and recreational vehicles.

SECTION 4. Appeals. Any property owner may appeal any determination by the District concerning the nature of the use of the property or the calculation of the amount of the tax by filing a written appeal with the District. Any such appeal shall be filed by December 1st of the calendar year for which the tax is levied. The appeal shall contain a statement by the property owner as to the nature and basis for the appeal in accordance with the District's appeal procedure.

SECTION 5. Method of Collection. On or about July 1st of each year, but in any event in sufficient time to include the levy of the special tax on the County's secured tax roll, the District shall determine the use category and related tax amount representing each parcel of real property within the District subject to the special tax. Parcels subject to levy shall be determined based upon the records of the Humboldt County Assessor or, in lieu thereof, upon such other reliable public records available to the District.

The special tax shall be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as, or with, other taxes fixed and

collected by Humboldt County on behalf of the Arcata Fire Protection District. The County of Humboldt may deduct reasonable expenses incurred for such service before remitting the balance to the District.

SECTION 6. Special Account. Upon receipt of the special taxes the District shall cause same to be deposited in a special tax account or such other account established by the District which allows the District to properly account for the special taxes in compliance with the provisions of Government Code Section 50075.1. Funds deposited into this account cannot be used for any other purpose than those outlined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Authorization for Appropriations Limit Increase. To the extent that the revenue from the special taxes enacted by this Resolution are in excess of the appropriations limit for the District, as calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII B of the California Constitution and applicable statutory provisions, the approval of this special tax by the voters shall constitute approval to increase the District's spending limit in an amount equal to the revenue derived from the special tax, for the maximum period of time as allowed by law.

SECTION 8. Annual Report. In accordance with Government Code Section 50075.3, the District's Fire Chief, as the chief fiscal officer of the District, shall file a report with the District Board at least once a year. The annual report shall contain the following: (a) the amount of funds collected and expended; and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded with the proceeds of the special tax.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Effective Date and Sunset Date. This Ordinance shall be effective only at such time as the District Board has declared that the Ordinance has been approved by two-thirds of the voters voting at an election to be held on March 3, 2020. Should this Ordinance not be approved, Ordinance No. 97-010 (approved by voters in 1997) will remain in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the above, if this Ordinance is approved, the special tax shall be collected at the rates established by this Ordinance beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year until June 30, 2030, at which time the special tax shall be repealed by operation of law.

SECTION 11. Certification. The District Secretary shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause a copy of the full text of the Ordinance to be posted.

Impartial analysis by the Humboldt County Office of Elections

California Government Code section 53978 authorizes fire districts to adopt, by ordinance, a special tax for fire protection and prevention with the approval of two-thirds of the voters of the district. Pursuant to this authority, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Arcata Fire Protection District ("District") proposes, through Measure R, to impose a special tax on real property located within the Arcata Fire Protection District for fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services.

If approved by two-thirds of the voters, the special tax would supersede the existing special tax of \$5 per unit of benefit approved in 1997. The proposed special tax would be collected in addition to the existing benefit assessment collected for the District, which was approved in 2006.

The special tax would be a flat rate tax levied on each taxable parcel based on Parcel Use Category, as set forth in the full text of the Measure R Ordinance, effective from fiscal year 2020-21 through June 30, 2030. Each year the special tax is levied, Vacant/unimproved parcels would be taxed \$30, Single-Family residential parcels \$118, Rural residential/ improved parcels \$192, Multi-family residential (2-4 units) parcels \$309, Multi-family residential (5-9 units) parcels \$388, Multi-family residential (10+ units) parcels \$465, Commercial parcels \$546, Industrial parcels \$910, Retail parcels (10,000 + square feet) \$910, and Mobile Homes \$90. The definitions of each parcel type are set forth in the ordinance. Property owners may appeal the District's determination of the Parcel Use category by written appeal no later than December 1 of the year the tax is levied.

If two-thirds of the voters of the District voting on Measure R vote yes, the District will be authorized to levy the special tax for fire protection and prevention services. A no vote on Measure R will disapprove levying the special tax for fire protection and prevention services.

Property Type	2006 Benefit Assessment	Proposed Special Tax	New Annual Total
Vacant/Unimproved: Any vacant land or unimproved property.	\$22	+	\$30 = \$52
Single-Family Residential: A dwelling unit designed for occupancy by one household, located on a single parcel that does not contain any other dwelling unit (except an accessory dwelling unit, where permitted).	\$88	+	\$118 = \$206
Rural Residential/Improved: Low density residential or agricultural structures that generally rely upon onsite water systems, requiring the use of trucked-in water for fire suppression.	\$132	+	\$192 = \$324
Multi-Family Residential (2-4 units): 2 to 4 dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, duplexes, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.	\$176	+	\$309 = \$485
Multi-Family Residential (5-9 units): 5 to 9 dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.	\$220	+	\$388 = \$608
Multi-Family Residential (10+ units): ten or more dwelling units within a single building, or structures on a parcel. Types of multiple-unit dwellings include, but are not limited to, apartments, condominiums, and bed and breakfasts.	\$264	+	\$465 = \$729
Commercial: Commercial uses including but not limited to stores and retail businesses (less than 10,000 square feet), offices, restaurants and bars, service stations, auto repair, hotels, motels, day care facilities, professional business parks, and similar uses.	\$220	+	\$546 = \$766
Industrial: Industrial uses including but not limited to manufacturing, packaging, shipping, recycling, industrial parks, wood products, energy production, and similar uses.	\$264	+	\$910 = \$1,174
Retail (10,000 + square feet): a retail business that occupies 10,000 or more square feet.	\$440	+	\$910 = \$1,350
Mobile Home & Park: A mobile home park is an area of land where two or more mobile home sites are rented, or held out for rent. A mobile home is a structure designed for human habitation and for being moved on a street or highway, including, but not limited to, manufactured homes, motor homes, and recreational vehicles	\$66	+	\$90 = \$156

Measure R replaces the 1997 special tax and would be in addition to the 2006 Benefit Assessment. If approved, it expires in 10 years. ARCATA FIRE GRAPHIC

Arcata Firefighters' Measure R plea: keep stations open, preserve fast response

ARCATA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 4981
ARCATA – Warning of a potential risk to fast and effective fire and emergency medical response, front line firefighters are joining community leaders in urging voters in the Arcata Fire District to support Measure R on the March 3 ballot.

The 19 members of Arcata Professional Firefighters Local 4981 have endorsed Measure R, saying it will provide critical revenue to prevent the loss of a fire station and dramatically longer response times to fire and medical emergencies.

"The people who live in our district depend on us to be there fast when seconds count," said Scott Gordinier, vice president of Arcata Professional Firefighters. "Measure R will help us keep our fire stations open and our firefighters on the job protecting lives and property."

Firefighters in Arcata respond to nearly three times as

many calls as they did just two decades ago, even as their resources have shrunk. The community also faces the ever-increasing risk of catastrophic wildfire. Fire district officials warn that, without additional revenue, one of Arcata's three fire stations will be closed, and the district could lose one-third of its firefighters.

"As firefighters, we always work to do more with less, but our district is at a critical point," said Gordinier. "If Measure R isn't passed, we could see longer response times, especially for medical calls when seconds count."

Measure R, placed on the ballot by the fire district board of directors, would institute a modest and accountable parcel tax for a period of ten years. Every dollar of the funding would be used to support fire and emergency medical response in the Arcata Fire Protection District.

Expenditure of the funds would be overseen by a citizen's oversight committee, ensuring that the funds are spent the way the voters intend.

Arcata firefighters also noted the connection between strong fire protection and insurance costs. With the risk of catastrophic wildfires threatening to send insurance rates skyrocketing, Gordinier said Measure R could potentially save ratepayers as it protects taxpayers.

"Our community and its residents can't afford to lose its fast, effective fire response," said Gordinier. "We would ask voters to please say yes to Measure R to keep our fire stations open, keep our firefighters on the job, and keep our community safe."

For complete information on Measure R, visit arcata-fire.org/funding/faqs

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Reward for graffiti tips

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA — Arcata Mayor Michael Winkler is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

There has been a recent rise of graffiti incidents in Arcata, with more than 30 new incidents reported in 2020, and the Arcata Police Department (APD) is working with business owners and residents to restore property that has been damaged and to protect property from being vandalized in the future.

Mayor Winkler has actively worked to clean up graffiti in Arcata for the past five years and has personally donated funds for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who recently caused graffiti damage to a mural created by local youth as part of a community summer arts program.

The vandalized mural is located near the southern parking lot of Wildberries Marketplace on 12th Street between G and H streets. The incident was first reported to APD on Friday, January 3. The City will distribute reward money as determined by the number of tips received that result in an arrest and conviction for this specific incident of graffiti vandalism.

Those with information are asked to call APD at (707) 822-2424 or the Graffiti Abatement Tip Hotline at (707) 825-2587.

Her smooshed face begs to be loved

We see all kinds of dogs coming through the shelter. Just recently two big Doberman Pinschers came in from an encampment in the hills.

They were an unusual color, which I now know is referred to as “blue” in the Doberman world. They also were fortunate enough to still have their natural (uncropped) ears and tails.

As the shelter has been pretty full lately, I reached out to Doberman rescue to see if they might be interested in this pair. I received the fastest response I have ever gotten from a rescue plea!

The challenge came when we had to figure out a way to get them to Southern California. After a week of phone calls and emails, we had a plan for them to stay in Concord until a flight with Pilots and Paws would take them for the last leg.

Aria

❖ DOGTOWN Mara Segal

The last puzzle piece fit in when one of our friends called to say her business flight had been cancelled and she had to drive to the Bay Area the next day. She showed up in a rented black Cadillac. Our elegant Dobermans drove off in style! By now they should be frolicking with their new friends near Santa Barbara. We wish them a happy future!

Some weeks bring more conversation than others about Pit Bulls and their suitability as pets.

Without getting into a big discussion here, I will say that the adoptable dogs at the shelter are all temperament tested, without regard to breed, and are only put up for adoption if they are deemed to be safe and friendly.

Over the years that I have been volunteering, many of the gentlest and most dog- and people- friendly pups have been ones that appear to have a Bully breed background. Bully breeds are well represented among our best playgroup players, the dogs that help us to socialize the newcomers.

Little Aria, possibly some sort of Bully mix, is one of the most sweet and gentle dogs that you could imagine! Her funny little smooshed face just begs to be loved.

From the minute she came in, several of us were just waiting for her to get off of her legal hold so that we could get to meet the little one and see if she was as cuddly as she appeared to be.

We can report that she is all that and more! Aria is great with people and fine with other dogs. She is an easy walk and has little interest in straying from where the people are.

Ariel knows sit and seems very willing to learn more commands. She is about two years old and looks like she has had some puppies along the way. We are happy that those days are over for her and now she can relax and just enjoy being a family dog!

Everyone who meets this little girl has fallen in love with her. She was waiting to go up for adoption until a tummy bug passed, but she is ready now. Come to the Humboldt County Shelter today and meet Aria. The shelter is located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.



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HARBOR GROUP SThe Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group's monthly luncheon is Wednesday, Feb. 26. This month's guest speaker is Larry Oetker, executive director of the Humboldt Bay, Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District. Oetker will discuss re-establishment of Humboldt Bay as a Port of regional and national significance. The luncheon is a “no host” event at \$16, with soup and salad available for \$12. Lunch is served at noon; the presentation starts around 12:30 p.m.

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In the annual Adaptation Project, inspired literary works come to life, taking dynamic theatrical form as they move from the written word to the embodied actor. *Strings Attached* will be performed in the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake for four performances only – Thursday, Feb. 20, Friday, Feb. 21, Saturday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. This student performance is not suitable for children, and admission is pay what you can.

"When you love someone, there are strings attached," says Dell'Arte International faculty member Elizabeth Colón Nelson, who's directing the ensemble.



STRINGS ATTACHED The cast includes, from left, **Dustin Curry, Laura Hart, Nathaniel Fitzsimons, Julieta Garza and Oscar Nava.**

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"Join us as we smash crickets, chop off noses that grow, and dive deep into the belly of a whale to find our lost loved ones."

This adapted work is the culmination of a two month-long study in the translation of fiction from the medium of the page to the stage.

Again, this performance contains adult themes and language and is not suitable for children.

The Rabbi, the Bowling Alley 'and more'

Writing this column is often more or less a matter of editing. People send me things or post their events somewhere and I tinker with the text a bit then repost it. Sounds easy, right? It is sometimes, but it depends on the week.

Not long ago I ran into my old friend **Roz**, she had an event, actually several related events that she thought I would be interested in. She was right, in particular since it all revolved around klezmer music, which I've loved for years, and it's in celebration of a mutual friend. The only trouble, there's not enough ink available to print everything I'd like to about it.

The **Silver Anniversary Concert honoring Rabbi Naomi Steinberg** takes place Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Arcata Playhouse featuring two touring bands: **Sam Reider and the Human Hands** from Brooklyn, and **Beyond the Pale** from Toronto.

At this point I could go off on a tangent about knowing the Rabbi for perhaps 25 years, through her endless good work, and through her husband, the activist, **Sal**, and her son **Berel Alexander**, who I once knew as Bernie Steinberg, a musician who started out singing for **Music for Little** when he was little, and evolved into a fine neo-soul singer in L.A., who Twitter tells me, "Just dropped a new

video" for his song, *Before You Go.* (@berelmusic)

I could also get distracted talking about Naomi's life story, how she became a rabbi at **Temple Beth El**, and played in local combos like **Noah's Dove and the Jewish Wedding Band**, led by the amazing **Joseph Byrd**, who I once worked with in the news biz. (For more on the Rabbi, read **Heather Shelton's** piece in the *Times-Standard*.)

This show will be a celebration of her life and career, but it's also one stop on a West Coast tour by **The Human Hands**, an acoustic ensemble led by accordionist/pianist/composer **Sam Reider**. His band was dubbed a "mash-up of the Klezmatics, Quintette du

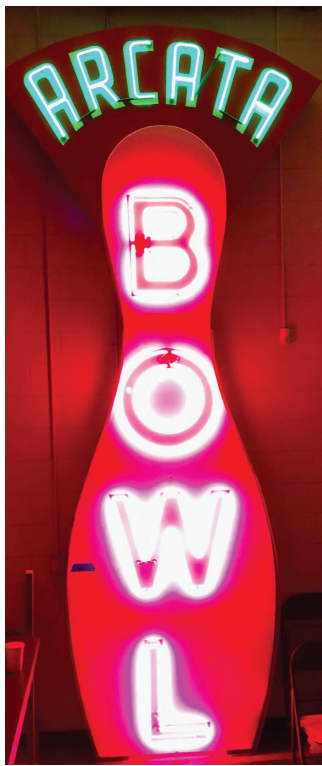
Hot Club de France and the Punch Brothers," by *Songlines Magazine*, a trusted source.



Beyond the Pale is a like-minded outfit who say they play, "Pale Eurofolk fusion," whatever that means, "inspired by Klezmer

and Balkan styles, but influenced by everything from jazz and classical music to bluegrass, newgrass and reggae." You get the picture, both sound delightful. This is a seated show, doors at 7:30 p.m. Advance tix advised (if there are any left).

Part two is the **Humboldt Yiddish Music Festival** Saturday and Sunday Feb. 22 and 23 at Temple Beth El in Eureka, including workshops, a dance class and a concert on



ARCATA BOWL The refurbished neon sign once marked **Arcata Bowl** in what is now known as the **Ten Pin Building**. The **Paula Jones Band** plays soulful music there **Saturday night for a Mardi Gras Party** benefitting the **Arcata Playhouse**.

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Godwit Days reminiscences, in this silver anniversary year

Sue Leskiw

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

ARCATA – Milestones often propel us into looking-back mode. And 25 years is a biggie, which is what the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival is celebrating April 15-21.

To aid me in this historical view, I called on several people who have been – and still are – involved in the festival in some capacity. Seven responded. I asked them about when they started their association with Godwit Days, what roles they have played, why they continue to participate, and what they believe the event has contributed to making Humboldt County a better place.

Gary Bloomfield, Gary Lester, Tom Leskiw and Mary Severdia have been involved since Year 1 (1996). "That very first evening, the opening reception was held in Arcata City Hall," recounts Lester. "The warmth and enthusiasm shared by city staff and council members was a credit to the city's support and buy-in for the festival that has lasted through the years."

All four have served as field trip leaders; the two Garys have helmed workshops; Mary and Gary B. have served on the festival Board (the former as secretary, the latter as "staff graphic artist," art show organizer and vendor, and judge nearly every year for the 17 years of the student bird art contest).

Mary, a city employee, was asked by City Manager Alice Harris to volunteer to help with registration, then started signing up for field trips, and now co-leads the Big Day event. Tom founded and judges for the local Audubon chapter's student nature writing contest associated with the festival for 15 years.

Other sustaining volunteers soon joined in: Gretchen O'Brien in 1998, David Juliano in 2000, and myself around 2003. Gretchen and David started as field trip leaders. Gretchen joined the Board, eventually becoming the event coordinator as an independent contractor. David is "Mister Birding by Ear," teaching workshops for many years about how to



WAY BACK WHEN Some of the Godwit Days Board members in 2005 were, from left, **Rob Hewitt, Sue Leskiw, Mary Severdia, Gretchen O'Brien and Gary Bloomfield.** The latter four contributed to this article.

PHOTO BY TOM LESKIW

identify birds via their calls and songs. I have served as a Board member, treasurer, media liaison since 2005, nature writing contest judge, and founder/organizer of the student bird art contest mentioned earlier. Answers received in response to my question "What brings you back year after year to contribute?" are excerpted below, ranging from lofty to more practically focused to funny:

"I feel strongly that bird and nature festivals can help drive society's appreciation and value of the natural world. That is key to making sure that wildlife and habitats are preserved, not only for future generations, but also for their inherent value." (Gary B.)

"Active birders know that the birding is good in coastal Humboldt year-round. However, there's something special about witnessing and participating in spring. When the relative doldrums of the inland areas are suddenly chock-full of brightly colored Neotropical migrants: Western Kingbirds flycatching from vineyard trellises, a flock of Nashville Warblers nectaring on madrone flowers, or Western Tanagers flitting among the conifers... My involvement in the nature writing contest lets me give back to the community: helping youngsters to reflect on their relationship with nature and, hopefully, play a part in inspiring them to protect and steward the amazing array of life that lies just outside their door." (Tom)

"I get a kick out of seeing especially the elementary-school kids who've won an award in the student

bird art contest I coordinate walk up onto the stage on Saturday morning, most dressed in their 'Sunday best,' to pick up their prizes, to thunderous applause from the audience. Just strolling through the Community Center lobby and down the hallways to experience hundreds – sometimes close to a thousand – colorful bird drawings from local kids, then watching them search through the entries to show their personal piece of art to their parents and grandparents is so gratifying." (Sue)

"I enjoy sharing my love of nature with others. I am a very ear-reliant birder, so teaching those skills to new birders has been very fulfilling." (David)

"It's just part of my routine at this point. It is fun to see some of the same people every year that I only see at Godwit Days." (Gretchen)

"I return each year for the field guide swag. My Godwit Days T-shirt collection gives me birder cred and brightens my wardrobe, especially those adorned with Gary B.'s art." (Gary L.)

When asked to share anecdotes – especially funny ones – here's what was reported.

"Ah, Microsoft, how we love thee... I use a PowerPoint presentation for my birding by ear classes. When Office updated from 2007 to 2010, did it detach all the sound files from all my slides when I opened the slideshow to start the class? Why yes, yes it did." (David)

"The second year of Godwit Days, we set up the art show in a tent on the Arcata

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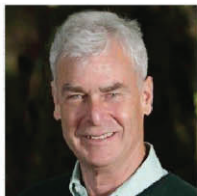
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OBITUARY

George Albert Wheeler Jr., July 17, 1949 – Feb. 5, 2020

The spirit of George Albert Wheeler Jr. transitioned to the stars hours before dawn on Feb. 5, 2020. The family is certain that he is having a marvelous adventure on the other side, and we take comfort in knowing he will be there to welcome us when it is our time.

We already dearly miss George’s big smile, hearty laugh, ceaseless guidance on all things, slap-stick and witty sense of humor, and above all his big, soft, warm, and reassuring hugs.

Miss Violet, our pup, misses her morning pet at the sunny kitchen table. We miss his excellent use of metaphor and colloquialisms when sharing his thoughts, stories or advice. George was well read, intelligent, humble, and always open to learning. He was a romantic idealist but always prepared for the worst and hoped for the best.

George was born in La Jolla, Calif. on July 17, 1949 to the sounds of ocean waves crashing on the beach. He grew up in San Diego and spent a year at age 10 living in Oahu, Hawaii with his mother, Barbara, step-father, Captain Ray Allen, USMC, and six half-siblings.

George returned to San Diego and graduated from Mount Miguel High School in Spring Valley, Calif. in 1967. Immediately following high school, George joined the US Marine Corps, volunteered for “West Pac,” and arrived at Danang Air Base, Vietnam on Sept. 13, 1968.

From Da Nang, George flew up to Phu Bai where he served the remainder of his tour. It is here that George was exposed to an herbicide defoliant called Agent Orange that American forces used to clear Vietnamese forests. This exposure led to his decades-long battle with cancer that ultimately claimed his life.

Honorably discharged on August 4, 1969, George walked out of his last duty sta-



tion with a driver’s license and two dollars in his wallet.

Back in the states, George was briefly married in 1971 to Kifi Wiggins and worked as a diesel mechanic in Wilmington, Delaware. Returning to California, George got a job with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier in coastal Del Mar, which he held for 16 years.

This was a perfect job for surfing on lunch breaks and after work. George was an avid surfer. His home surf breaks were Seaside and Cardiff Reefs but he’d surf anywhere he could find a wave.

George spent thousands of sunsets on the water watching the stars come out and enjoyed occasional sunrise sessions too. George also loved water skiing on Lake Powell and skiing anywhere there was snow. He was a “B” level racquetball player with occasional glorious competitions at “A” level.

George married Robin Kinze in 1980 and they had two children, Jessica and Garret. George always followed world affairs and politics and was a survivalist.

He left increasingly crowded San Diego and moved his family to Humboldt County in 1985 to a land of good soil and clean water. His plan was to go to Humboldt State University (HSU) and obtain the desired professional skill-set necessary to emigrate

with his family to Australia in the southern hemisphere, a key survival strategy to avoid the worst of any nuclear catastrophe in the northern hemisphere.

Fate intervened and George never made it to Australia. George and Robin split amicably in 1991. While he was still a student at HSU and a homeowner in Sunny Brae, George was “lightning struck” when he met a prospective renter at his front door who would become the love of his life. George and Jennifer were married two years later. George graduated from HSU with a bachelor of science degree in computer information science and later with a master’s in business administration.

He taught at HSU for many years. He also served as the go-to handy man for many in the community.

George served on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors from 2014-2019. He felt strongly about encouraging public conversation, creating a safer environment through the elimination of pesticides in public parks, and increasing MCSD’s energy independence through decentralized solar power.

He loved public service and wished that he had discovered it decades earlier. George was a jack-of-all-trades, and lover of people, parties, physics, history, politics, the ocean, and his wife Jennifer.

George was fiercely loyal and devoted to his children. Of all his life’s work, his children were what he was most proud of. He was impressed by their unique talents and thoroughly believed that they could realize their dreams and highest potential. George admired their courage and resilience as they persevered through many extraordinary challenges. Being home with his kids was his greatest joy.

George is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jennifer (Anthony) Wheeler, and

their adult children daughter Samantha (Wheeler) Miles, son Dalton Wheeler, and daughter Natalie Wheeler; daughter Jessica Wheeler and son Garret Wheeler by Robin Stockwell; granddaughters Jayda and Marena Calderon, and grandson Isaiah Rivera; half-sister Christina Wheeler, and half-brother Howard Wheeler.

George is preceded in death by his father George Albert Wheeler Sr., step-mother Jerry Wheeler, mother Barbara Agnes (Wheeler) Allen, step-father Ray Allen, and half-brother Dale Wheeler.

Special thanks and much love to George’s dearest and life-long friends Craig Stacy, Susan Smith, and Scott Young. Many thanks to our neighbor Ted Smith who helped George and Jennifer so much over the past few years.

We cannot thank enough the friends, family, and community that helped George and our family so selflessly following Garret’s surfing accident and long road back to Garret’s highest level of recovery.

Thanks to Ken Miller, Meighan O’Brien, Joyce King, Pat Higgins, and Johnny Calkins who supported George on his rise to community service. Thanks to Ellen Searle-LeBel for her wisdom and support for our family over the years. High praise and awe to the doctors and nursing staff at the San Francisco VA Medical Center, Stacy at the Eureka VA Clinic (Go PAC Team C!), St. Joseph Radiation Oncology, Hematology/Oncology, and ER departments, and the wonderful staff and volunteers at Hospice of Humboldt.

One of George’s most recent phrases that he favored as his life came to a close: “Remember, you don’t have to, you get to.”

A memorial birthday party will be held at his beach-side home in July. Invitations will be sent out via text/e-mail in the coming months. Ain’t life grand!

Enjoy the music in sunny Blue Lake

I think one of the things that makes Blue Lake special is not just the overabundance of sunny days, or the river fun in the summer, but the musical opportunities, both for listening and for playing.

Our drinking establishments, the Logger Bar and the Mad River Brewery, routinely have a variety of musical offerings. You can usually find the Mad River Brewery calendar on their website, and Logger Bar events on their Facebook page.

One event I’m personally excited about is happening on Friday, Feb. 21 at the Logger, from 9 p.m. to one minute before midnight.

Come on out to see singer and songwriter Georgia Ruth and the Reverie! You won’t want to miss this, and it’s free!

The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Skinner Store, behind the City Hall building.

These meetings are always open for public comment at the beginning of each meeting, and include a variety of decisions that are within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Not sure what your council does? Come on out!

Meeting agendas for all regular meetings are posted the Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall and the inside Post Office bulletin board, as well as one other public bulletin board (usually the Grange or the Blue Lake Laundromat).

Now, a quick little message for all you parents out there looking to sign your child up for Tee Ball or Little League. It’s

that time of year already!

Registration for the Blue Lake/Fieldbrook Little Leagues will be on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Perigot Park (rain will move registration to the school gym). This is for all children, boys and girls, ages 4-12. There are no residency requirements for Tee Ball or Coach Pitch divisions.

Please note that all parents/guardians need to plan to bring their child’s birth certificate, and if they are registering for the minors or majors divisions, they will also need three documents proving residency or one document supporting local school enrollment.

You can contact Andrew Jones at bluelakefieldbrookll@gmail.com for more information or with any questions.

And with that fun activity, I take my leave. Have a great week Blue Lake. See you around town!

SWEET SOUL BAND Third Friday Blues at the Westhaven Center for the Arts on Friday, Feb. 21 features Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with a \$5 to \$20 sliding-scale admission. Expect to hear soulful funk and rhythmic blues grooves. The band includes Jenni Simpson on vocals/baritone sax; David Childers on vocals/guitar; Julie Froblomon tenor sax/flute; Justin Hobart Brown on bass; and Robert “Swamp Thing” Franklin on guitar. The WCA is located at 501 South Westhaven Dr. in Westhaven.



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A logo for "Trinidad Tidings" featuring a lighthouse and the text "TRINIDAD TIDINGS Patti Fleschner".

Hats off to Administrative Assistant Angela Zetter for compiling a beautiful and informative City of Trinidad Newsletter this month.

Copies are available in the

Clerk’s office if you did not receive one in the mail. Photographs of City staff Eli Naffah, Gabriel Adams, Angela Zetter, Rebecca Price Hall, Ryan De Smet, Kyle Shipman, Bryan Buckman, Tom Marquette and Dick Kieselhorst are shown, along with photographs and comments from council members Steve Ladwig, Jack West, Dave

Grover and Dwight Miller (Tom Davies not pictured).

There is some helpful advice about steps to take before power outages and some conservation suggestions too along with photographs of storm water management improvement projects.

Residents are invited to Mondays with the Mayor from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Beachcomber Cafe on Mondays to talk about city topics of concern.

In other City news, watch for the solar panel project on the roof of Town Hall.

The next City Council meeting is set for Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Trinidad Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Trinidad School, 300 Trinity St. in Trinidad. There will be pancakes and eggs and choice of ham or sausage or biscuits and gravy and eggs and beverage. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. Hardback books are \$1, paperbacks are 50 cents and children’s books are

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JAN. 28, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00016

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FEISTY FARM 716 CREIGHTON ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 P.O. BOX 561 BAYSIDE, CA 95524 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ALLISON D. TRESSLER 716 CREIGHTON ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL S/ALLISON D. TRESSLER SOLE PROPRIETOR

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00064

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRILLIUM REALTY GROUP 1660 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE D MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HANNAH L WINANS 1751 WILD CANARY STREET MCKINLEYVILLE CA 95519 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL S/HANNAH L WINANS BROKER, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00045

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HIGH TIDE PERMACULTURE 1620 CHARLES AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 104 BAYSIDE, CA 95524 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DANIEL J. MAR 1620 CHARLES AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 REKA M MAR 1620 CHARLES AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE S/DANIEL J MAR CO-OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 21, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00051

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARCATA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 2865 WOODLAND COURT ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 1184 ARCATA, CA 95518 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT VAISSADE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. CA C2891684 2865 WOODLAND COURT ARCATA, CA 95521THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION S/JULIE VAISSADE-EL-COCK BROKER-OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 22, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00049

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COMMUNITY REALTY – DARIN PRICE 2355 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE D MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 P.O. BOX 2341 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DARIN PRICE 1645 BAIRD ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

S/DARIN PRICE BROKER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 22, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: DR180837 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: NEIDA ALATORRE, AKA NEIDA NAVARRETE; JOSE PEDRO ALATORRE; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): VITORIA FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, an Ohio corporation NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suocorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services. (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suocorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desearchar el caso.

The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): LAW OFFICES OF JAY W. SMITH, JAY W. SMITH ESQ. SBN1501113, and NANCY A. YOUNG ESQ. SBN. 183328 6644 VALJEAN AVE. #200 VAN NUYS, CA 91406 (T) 818-709-2556 (F) 818-709-2513 Kim L. Bartleson, Clerk, by Shayla B., Deputy Date: NOV. 29, 2018 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4

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ding on the 20th day of February, 2020 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:

North Coast Repertory Theater – costumes, lamp, costume accessories Joan Martien – boxes, chairs, door, pictures, art Charles Bruzza – grow equipment, Skill Saw, nightstand, art, balasts, tubs Ashley Bartlett – crib, bed stuffed animals, TV trays, suitcase, boxes, clothes, recliner Lisa Cadwell – neon signs, chairs, cash registers, pizza ovens, tap handles The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage. 2/12, 2/19

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): DR190336

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): GABRIELA I CHAVEZ YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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stream of the Alliance Road crossing. The project includes, but is not limited to: clearing and grubbing, water management, excavation and grading, boulder weir installation, rock slope protection, and traffic control.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at the Arcata City Hall in the City Council Chamber (736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521), and will be followed by a project site walk-through.

Sealed bids will be received until the hour of 11a.m. on Thursday, March 5th, 2020, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after March 18th, 2020.

The above PROJECT is Federally funded and is subject to special terms and conditions pertaining thereto. Consequently, the contractor is advised to be completely familiar with the special documentation and contract procedures associated with federal projects. Contractor non-compliance with Federal requirements will result in non-payment for work performed.

The PROJECT has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 10%. CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this PROJECT will be available: • For download from the City Website www.cityofarcata.org under "Bid on a Project". • For purchase at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of \$75.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 for III - 2 mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager. • For viewing at the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 1213 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The above PROJECT is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The above PROJECT is subject to uniform construction

cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

.Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org February 14th, 2020 2/19, 2/26



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 736 F Street.

Project Description: The City Council will consider approval of the Arcata Community Health Center (Open Door) project, including adoption of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Statement of Overriding Considerations. The project consists of the development of a health center with associated parking, lighting, signs, sidewalks and utility infrastructure on the vacant 1.8 acre parcel. The project proposes bus stop improvements at the Arcata Skate Park. Improvements to an off-site wetland mitigation area at Shay Park is proposed for impacts to on-site wetlands.

As transportation mitigation, a Development Agreement is considered for the project's proportional share of transportation improvement fees to fund future improvements at Foster Ave/Alliance Rd and Sunset Ave/US 101 North/LK Wood Blvd intersections. The project includes a vacation of portions of Sunset Avenue public rights of way and will be presented by the Engineering Division in a separately noticed hearing. The Final EIR includes analysis of the project, mitigations, a mitigation and monitoring plan, and public comments received on the project. This project and the Final EIR were reviewed and recommended for Council approval at the February 11, 2020, Planning Commission hearing.

Application Type: A Planned Development Permit, Design Review Permit, and a Development Agreement.

Location: Vacant parcel west of Sunset and Foster Avenue roundabout. Latitude: 40.87975; Longitude: -124.08595; Section 29 T6N, R1E. Assessor's Parcel Number: 505-121-031. Off-site improvements, including wetland mitigation, trail/path, bus stop and proportional share of street improvements at Foster Ave/Alliance Rd and Sunset Ave/US 101 North/LK Wood Blvd intersections will occur on parcels: 505-131-016; 505-131-019; 505-051-025; and public rights of way.

Applicant / Property Owner: Open Door Community Health Centers.

File Number: 189-068 - PDP-DR.

Zoning: Public Facility with Planned Development and Wetland Protection Combining Zones (PF; PD; WPA)

General Plan: Public Facility

Coastal Status: Project is not located in the Coastal Zone.

Environmental: The project is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An EIR, Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations have been prepared and circulated in accordance to the CEQA Guidelines. The project was found to have significant transportation impacts on the environment that are unavoidable. The project will require the adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations to approve the project.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed proj-

ect and environmental determination may be reviewed on the City's website at www.cityofarcata.org under Major Development Projects "Open Door" or at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Contact the City of Arcata Community Development Department - Joe Mateer, Senior Planner 707-825-2139, jmateer@cityofarcata.org for further information.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."

Mailed, published, and posted no later than: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 2/19

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Be advised that the Arcata Elementary School District Board of Trustees, pursuant to California Education Code section 5091, provisionally appointed Mr. John Schmidt to serve until the next regularly scheduled election, replacing Trustee Suzanne Langford, who resigned effective 10/6/2019. This appointment was made on 2/10/2020 at the Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting.

Unless a petition bearing a sufficient number of signatures of the registered voters of the Arcata Elementary School District calling for a special election pursuant to California Education Code section 5091 is filed with the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools (901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501) within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment until the next regularly scheduled election for school district governing board members.

ARCATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Luke Biesecker Superintendent POSTED: 2/12/2020 2/19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME LEXA VAN HEL BLU SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2000143 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: LEXA MORRIGAN VAN HEL BLU to Proposed name: ALEXA MORRIGHAN CALLEACH GIBSON; 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 13, 2020 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: JAN. 28, 2020 JAMES LARUE Judge of the Superior Court 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11

Rudy Royston and the Flatbed Buggy

REDWOOD JAZZ ALLIANCE

EUREKA – A group of kids jostles up and down in the bed of an old wooden cart, drawn by a horse who seems more intent on the movement itself than any destination. Dust in the air, the smell of dried brush, weeds and wildflowers, grit in your teeth. We hit a bump, the hardwood smacks you into the air, and you fall back into a cushion of siblings and friends.

It's the feeling of scenes like this that one might get from Rudy Royston's latest work, *Flatbed Buggy*, the chamber ensemble and collection of compositions that make up his third album as a leader.

On Thursday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m., the group leads off the second half of the 2019-20 Redwood Jazz Alliance season at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, in a show co-presented by the Humboldt Folklife Society.

"Flatbed buggies to me mean country," says Royston, who has played for the RJA behind Ron Miles, Tom Harrell, Michael Blake and David Berkman. "They mean home, they mean earth. We lived in Denver [growing up] but my father lived in Texas, and I would spend time in the country there. I remember riding on this kind of flatbed buggy thing when I was a child. The whole feeling that brought me ... it was comforting, it was outside ... my friends are there, my family's there. So it's about that, but the album also has to do with time: a time in my life, the beginning of things, the process of them. The buggy moving along up a road represents the movement of time. And the titles on the album



AT THE MORRIS GRAVES Rudy Royston and the Flatbed Buggy perform Thursday night at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

really have to do with time and motion."

The album in fact is so focused on beginnings and movement that almost every track foregoes any formal conclusion. "That's why I fade out," says Royston, "because it's not about endings... It's kind of like nothing ends, not yet." That kind of presence – material presence – is key to his vision. "I want to feel like there's dust going on on this record... I want you to experience the music in your own life and have some reality to it, some space, so that you can interact and feel it and breathe it."

Advance tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and are available online at RedwoodJazzAlliance.org, and at Wildberries, Wildwood Music, People's Records and The Works.

MUSIC AND MAGIC Join the Humboldt State Department of Music as it presents Piano Illusions with Igor Lipinski, a thrilling and mystifying evening of music and magic on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall. Piano Illusions is a unique recital program featuring pianist and magician Igor Lipinski. Originally from Poland, Lipinski first started working on the program of music and magic as an undergraduate piano performance major at the Eastman School of Music. After an inspiring collaboration on The Show with Teller of Las Vegas duo Penn & Teller, Lipinski won the WQXR Classical Comedy Contest at Caroline's on Broadway. Admission is \$15 general and \$5 for children and HSU students with ID. centerarts.humboldt.edu/Online/



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DOG EXPO Meet over 20 breeds of dogs at HumDOG's 33rd annual Dog Expo on Sunday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka.. See exhibits and demos of dog agility, obedience, tricks, scent work, sled dogs, dancing dogs and police K9s. Talk to owners, trainers, vendors, breeders and rescue groups. Learn about breed characteristics and activities to do with your dogs. There will be a special drawing for children ages 5-12, with a raffle drawing at 3:15 p.m.to benefit spay/neuter. Admission and parking are free. Contact at (707) 444-3862 or go to humdog.org. Please leave your own pets at home.

The HUM | Mardi Gras Party on Saturday; Final Fantasy piano concert and a piano magic show

❖ **FROM B1**

Bluegrass and Folk!" For full details on the workshops I'm just going to steer you to templebethel.eureka.org.

If you speak a little bit of French, you may know that **Mardi Gras** means **Fat Tuesday**, which is the day before Ash Wednesday, when you swear off meat and other allegedly evil things and thus have a big party to use everything up. (Or something like that.) But it's also stretched out like many holidays, and thus we have the **Ten Pin Building Mardi Gras Party**, on a Saturday, Feb. 22, an Arcata Playhouse fundraiser with the **Paula Jones Band**. Haley the Playhouse P.R. person asks, "Remember how awesome the Latin Peppers Dance Party in January was in the Ten Pin? Well, luckily you can celebrate on the dance floor lined by parked Kinetic Sculptures one more time! And if you don't remember, this is a rare chance to boogie in the Ten Pin. This Playhouse event raises funds for Playhouse programs that enrich the lives of all ages in our community through the support of arts for all."

A reminder, Paula Jones is a soulful singer who also sings in the **Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir**, and once had one of her original songs in the movie *Rumble Fish*. Her band is a variation of RLA with **Tim Randles** on piano, the perennial "special guest" **Mike LaBolle** on drums, and **Allison Muenchon** on sax and flute. So, let the good times roll, or as my high school French teacher Miss Johnson would say, "*Laissez les bons temps rouler*." Wear purple, green and gold for New Orleans. Doors at 7:30 p.m. Music at 8 p.m. "There will be an open dance floor and limited seating."

The Basement (downstairs in Jacoby's Storehouse), tries something new this Wednesday, Feb. 19, "**Darkness: A Comedy Night**," presumably with dark humor featuring **Josh Barnes**, **Jessica Grant** and **Trevor Lockwood**, hosted by **David Eubanks**. Doors at 7 p.m. no cover, so come early for good seats.

Over at the Miniplex that same Wednesday, they have **Anna Tivel**, a "NW-based internationally touring songwriter who is forever drawn to the quiet stories of ordinary life," plus **Jeffrey Martin**, another wandering troubadour who writes "raw, honest, stripped-down songs about death, and lost love, and all sorts of other things." Doors at 7:30 p.m. Seated show, again advance tix advised.

At HumBrews, yet another Wednesday show, with **Willy Tea Taylor** (inspired by **Greg Brown**) plus **The Sam Chase** from S.F. (aka just plain Sam Chase). Apparently I missed these guys when they played at the Playhouse a year ago (to good reviews). Now they're back with more rough and ragged songs.

Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Depot in HSU's University Cen-

ter (formerly known as the Rathskeller) ASB presents a free dance party with local DJs from the **Arcata Soul Party Crew**, **#Jaymorg** and **Funky T-Rex**. It's really early, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Down in the Basement that Thursday, 7-ish, it's what they describe as "an amazing three hour set from our friends **The Low Notes**," a cool jazz band that includes some of my friends. I imagine they might need a break at some point.

At Westhaven Center for the Arts it's Third Friday Blues Feb. 21 (7 p.m.) with **Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band**: **Jenni Simpson** on lead vocals and bari sax, **David Childers** on guitar, **Julie Froblom**, tenor sax/flute, **Robert "Swamp Thing" Franklin** on guitar, **Justin "Hobart" Brown** on bass and on drums, **Paul "The Other Twin" DeMark**. "Dancing recommended!"

Outer Space is still looking for a home, in the meantime they have an all ages show at the Arcata Playhouse Friday, Feb. 21, starting at 7:30 p.m. with **A Deer A Horse**, a female fronted "doom post-rock sludge" trio from Brooklyn, plus **Silence in the Snow**, a slightly more ethereal duo from Oakland, and local openers, **Sue and the Namies**, "surfing that big sound wave from the great Pacific garbage patch." (Watch out for sneaker waves.)

Same Friday at Blondies, 8 p.m.-midnight, psychedelic folk-rockers **LodeStar** will be asking for donations to Food for People in lieu of a cover charge.

At HumBrews that Friday night, **Zach Deputy** demonstrates his ingenuity in looping with just his guitar and a mess of FX-pedals, as a one-man-band deluxe. Showtime 9:30 p.m.

Can you count on the nine-fingers on Jerry's hand as the number of Dead-type tributes continues to grow? Humboldt's latest is **JJB**, short for **Jerry Jam Band** playing what else but Jerry Garcia Band covers. They debut Friday, Feb. 21, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Fieldbrook Market and Eatery. Then the band plays the following night at Redwood Curtain Brewing starting at 8 p.m. Will it be a totally different setlist? We'll see.

Saturday evening (start time 6 p.m.) **Shutups**, a duo from Oakland with Mia on drums and Hadley on guitar, play what they call, "indie punk." Local support comes from **The Sturgeons**, and the above-mentioned Sue and the Namies.

Saturday night, you're invited to go "**Rollin into 2020 with the 2nd installment of Roll Da Bass**," with **DJs**

BC Rydah, a jungle DJ/producer/remixer from Long Beach, and local support from **Rhizae**, **Grasshoppa** (it's his b-day), **Norman**, **DJ Scribz**, **Shmule**, and the indomitable **DJ Red**. **Sound by BASSCRAFT**. Live art by **Christopher Dmise**, **Ralph Kraftsman** "and more," plus vendors galore. Starts around 8 p.m.

Down the way at the Miniplex, starting at 9:30 p.m. **Irie Mae** and **The Bayside Players** have another "**Peach Mimosa Party**" with their friends **Rhea de Light**, **Khar-mafiend**, **Icarus and Suns** and **Banda da Alegria**. No cover. **Irie Mae** has a groovy *Peach Mimosa EP* she's promoting and this is part of it.

Sunday at Fulkerson Hall, CenterArts brings you another **International Guitar Night** with a truly international lineup of acoustic players, **Mike Dawes** from UK, **Cenk Erdogan** from Turkey, **Olli Soikkeli** from Finland, and Hawaiian slack key master **Jim Kimo West**. Expect solo guitars, duets, and quartets — virtuosity galore. Showtime 7 p.m.

Speaking of the Fulkerson family, the primo performance space is named for **Charles**, a notable local classical music teacher and musician. His daughter **Julie** plays too, and she sends out listings of "**Humboldt Bay Classical Events**" via an email list (or online at classicallyhumboldt.com).

This week her list includes a Redwood Jazz Alliance show (since jazz is the other classical music). RJA has **Rudy Royston's Flatbed Buggy** at Morris Graves Museum Thursday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Details on the Texas drummer and his quintet elsewhere in the *Union*.

Also on Julie's list, a couple of unusual piano shows, first with **Ryan McGaughey** who plays in Fulkerson Recital Hall, Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Ryan, an HSU grad, has a background in the classics, but this time he's playing piano arrangements of the "**Final Fantasy VII Collections**" based on the 1997 PlayStation 1 game Final Fantasy VII. Trippy, huh? They'll also have vid projections to go with the music.

The next night, Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. again in Fulkerson Hall, they have Piano Illusions with **Igor Lipinski**. "Originally from Poland, Lipinski first started working on the program of music and magic as an undergraduate piano performance major," and he's been touring his show internationally ever since. I must admit, I have no idea how you do magic with a piano, but it sounds intriguing.

OK, that's all the words I'm allowed. Later...

Godwit| Event brings awareness of local bird diversity

❖ **FROM B1**

Plaza. Not the easiest venue to hang a show. I did wind up breaking the glass on one piece — luckily, it was one of mine!" (Gary B.)

"In 2011, while leading the Brown Shrike field trip, I shared the rare bird with the group but the rising tide prevented an easy return to our cars. I needed to hike the group off the beach via a steep bluff trail. Surprisingly, I managed to not lose anyone." (Gary L.)

"When Rob Hewitt kicked off Godwit Days a number of years ago by finding a first Humboldt County record Smith's Longspur on Bear River Ridge [outside/direction from Ferndale?], Daryl Coldren was leading a trip near Alderpoint. About an hour later, reveling in the Longspur, I chatted with several of Daryl's field trip participants. They recounted a fast-paced drive to get to Bear River Ridge, equating it to Mr. Toad's Wild Ride!" (Tom)

"I used to lead a trip to Jan Doward's home near Centerville to see Gray (now Canada) Jays. There usually were several participants who had never seen one. There are many ways to experience a Life Bird, but probably none as satisfying and intimate as feeding them bread, while their feet tickle your hand." (Tom)

To close out the questioning, participants were given the opportuni-

ty to write a short essay suitable for use in future festival promotional efforts. (Well, the question actually was "What value do you feel Godwit Days has provided to Humboldt County over the past 25 years?")

"I think Godwit Days has put Humboldt on the map, birding destination-wise. When I've talked to birders while birding out of the area, many know of Godwit Days when I tell them where I'm from. Birders drop money locally, and the more birders we get, the more County residents benefit." (David)

"Godwit Days has brought awareness and appreciation of the bird diversity found in northern California. It offers an opportunity to share the amazing natural habitats we so value, and we often establish lasting friendships with attendees." (Gary L.)

"The student bird art contest is the facet of the festival that does more to get local non-birders involved than anything else. This awareness is exactly how the value of birds and nature becomes important to future generations." (Gary B.)

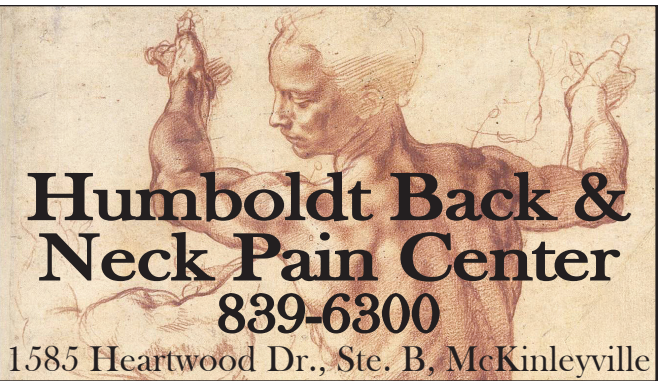
"With the many field trips each year, we can guide people to a variety of habitat types, including private properties with experiences not available otherwise... About a third of our registrants come from out of the area, patronizing local businesses and

boosting the economy a bit." (Gretchen)

"Godwit Days has made a huge contribution. The inclusion of field trips to study butterflies, plants, etc, has drawn in more participants. Increasingly, the natural world is in need of stewards and participating in field trips with skilled naturalists is a great way to jumpstart one's interest and knowledge." (Tom)

"I look forward to Godwit Days for reasons beyond the field trips. It brings the local community, birders and non-birders, together for education and just plain fun. Every year I meet people from out of the area who are here for many different reasons. Some are looking for one particular life bird, or trying to build up their bird list, while others want to enjoy the area or maybe watch the bounty of birds that migrate through in the spring. Whatever their reason for attending, most of the people I talk to fall in love with the area and plan to return, either for another festival or on their own. Thanks, Godwit Days, for all the good times. Here's to many more!" (Mary)

If you'd like to join Mary, Gary B., Gary L., David, Gretchen, Tom, and me and start or add to your long-term relationship with Godwit Days, visit godwitdays.org for a complete listing of sessions open for registration.



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